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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

POLITICAL CIRCLES in London consider that the present Nazi threat against Holland is a serious one, although possibly only a manifestation of "war nerves."

Information from Germany—possibly voluntarily given out by the German General Staff—indicates that an attack on Holland was prepared for Wednesday, January 17, and later postponed to Thursday, January 25.

Simultaneously, German troop concentrations in the vicinity of Luxemburg and north-eastern France lead to the belief that the German General Staff has the following plan:—

Strong action against the narrow French front in order to hamper the transportation of French and British troops northward;

Second phase: An attack against Belgium in the general direction of Ostend;

Third phase: The invasion of Holland, hoping for a very rapid success since the Allied and Belgian troops would be occupied elsewhere.

AIR BASES

By this means, Germany hopes to gain bases for a huge air and submarine campaign against Britain, which is apparently all that is left of Nazi war plans.

While such an attack is possible, it

seems strange that Germany should multiply threats and give Holland and Belgium time to take all the necessary measures.

WAR OF NERVES

This is why observers are of the opinion that Germany is at present only waging a war of nerves again, and hopes that the moment will come when Belgium and Holland are financially and morally tired of the constant tension and will relax their precautionary measures. Then Germany will strike.—Havas.

OPTIMISM WOULD BE PREMATURE

Brussels, To-day. Although the relaxation of tension continues... well-informed quarters say it would be premature to state that the situation is bound to return to normal.

King Leopold received the Premier, Mr. Pierlot, yesterday afternoon.

M. Pierlot also interviewed the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, who afterwards saw the Defence Minister, General Deneys.

The regulations on the closing hours of theatres were removed last evening.—Havas.

(Earlier reports on the Nazi threat to the Low Countries in Page 6).

BITTER FIGHTING IN HUPEH

Fenglo, To-day. For six days and nights Chinese and Japanese troops have been engaged in bitter fighting in central Hupeh, according to a Chinese report. The report adds that the Chinese succeeded in capturing Kaopu, Nanlinshih, Wangchlato and Sungchiatien.—Havas.

UNEXPECTED AMERICAN MOVE

DUBLIN, TO-DAY. MR. JOHN CUDAHY, UNITED STATES MINISTER TO EIRE, LEFT DUBLIN UNEXPECTEDLY LAST NIGHT TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POSITION AS AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS, TO WHICH POST HE WAS APPOINTED A FEW DAYS AGO.

It is believed in Dublin that his sudden departure is due to the international situation and to the desire of the United States Government that their representative be in Belgium immediately to look after American interests there.—Havas.

GIANT NEW BOMBER FOR AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

It is reliably learnt that the Douglas Aircraft Corporation is at present building a revolutionary type of bomber weighing over 70 tons.

The wing-span will be 180 feet, while the effective radius of action will be 10,000 miles.

Several attempts to steal the plans of the giant machine were stopped by "G-men." —Havas.

NOT FOLLOWING SOVIET POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

The Estonian Government has appointed M. Karl Selter, former Foreign Minister, as its first Permanent Delegate to the League.

The decision has produced an excellent impression, being considered proof of the fact that Estonia is maintaining an independent policy.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally.

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HELP FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Replying to the League of Nations' invitation, Iraq has declared she is ready to grant moral assistance to Finland and regrets that her economic situation prevents the granting of material help.

Eire has announced she is placing £2,000 at the disposal of the Finnish Red Cross.—Havas.

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AIR BATTLE OVER THE NORTH SEA: MORE DETAILS

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY has released further details of Wednesday's air battle between R.A.F. bombers and Nazi fighters.

The planes, nine Bristol Blenheims, were reconnoitring in formation at a height of 5,000 feet when they were intercepted by the new fast Messerschmidt-110 at a point about 150 miles north-west of the German island of Borkum.

The British squadron leader turned his formation to lead the enemy away from their base and closed formation. Unable to find a blind spot from below, the Nazis spent almost half an hour attacking from the front, sides and directly astern.

SOLE BRITISH LOSS

The formation was only broken when the engines of one British bomber were put out of action and it fell astern; it was shot down by several Messerschmidts.

The other eight Bristol Blenheim continued flying in even closer formation and soon one Nazi fighter received a full burst and as it crashed into the sea sent up a large column of water.

A second turned away, obviously hit, while a third seemed to have been seriously damaged.

TASK COMPLETED

One made a forced landing in Denmark and it is thought that the other came down into the sea.

The Germans made no further attempts to attack, whereupon the British bombers returned to their original course and completed their reconnaissance.—Reuter.

WESTERN FRONT ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué said there was activity of patrols and artillery.

There were also local encounters between reconnaissance units.—Reuter.

BELISHA STATEMENT TO-DAY

London, To-day.

Although there is widespread interest in the personal statement Mr. Hore-Belisha, ex-Secretary for War, is to make in the House of Commons to-day, there is always the possibility that the much-heralded debate may come to nothing, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

It is considered possible Mr. Hore-Belisha may take the line that no unnecessary controversy should be aroused at present.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement is likely to begin between 3.15 and 3.30 this afternoon.

Mr. Chamberlain is due to make his review of the progress of the war immediately afterwards, and probably he will preface his statement with comments on Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.—Reuter.

YANGTSE REPORT

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reported here that the Japanese will postpone the opening of the Yangtse for foreign shipping till the beginning of March.—Our Own Correspondent.

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MR. GIBSON TESTIFIES

CASE AGAINST ARCHITECT
FOR RETURN OF FEES

THE CASE IN WHICH MR. J. S. GIBSON, ARCHITECT, IS DEFENDANT IN AN ACTION BROUGHT BY KWONG YIU WAH AND KWONG FOOK-CHEUN FOR THE RECOVERY OF \$900, BEING PART OF FEES ALLEGEDLY PAID TO DEFENDANT FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF PLANS FOR A FEATHER FACTORY IN KOWLOON, WAS CONTINUED THIS MORNING BEFORE MR. JUSTICE R. E. LINDSELL.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. F. R. Zimmern while Mr. H. L. Kwan was for the defendant.

At the last hearing Mr. Zimmern asked His Lordship to determine, should he find that no fees had been agreed upon, the reasonable fee an architect was entitled to receive for the work.

Fung Tong, the contractor, said that he signed a contract for the work on June 24 and agreed to pay 1½ per cent. to the architect. He had only started on the foundation which he took two weeks to do. He did not finish the work as the Building Authority had not approved the reinforced concrete plans.

NEW PLANS

New plans were given him at the end of August and he had been idle for six weeks. A bill had been rendered by defendant which represented 1½ per cent. of the work but this had not been paid.

In reply to Mr. Kwan, witness said that plans for cement concrete work were often changed and altered and agreed with Mr. Zimmern that if no miscalculations had been made the plans would be approved by the Building Authority.

MR. GIBSON'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Gibson said that he had been practicing for the past 12 years. Chan Pak-yun was a draughtsman in his office and had been employed by him for many years. He was authorised to take instructions and agree to fees, and all negotiations in the present case had been done through him.

In June he was witness to a contract for the job and in September plaintiffs received two bills for \$962 and \$200.

Mr. Gibson said that at a meeting of the plaintiffs he felt that the fees charged were too high and he was agreeable to reducing them to 5 per cent. instead of the 9 per cent. which had been charged.

When his services had been dispensed with, 70 per cent. of the work had been done and as far as his work as architect was concerned 95 per cent. had been done.

SIGNED BY PARTNER

He was astonished when he learned that his services were no longer required and could only put it down to the fact that he refused to reduce the fees below 5½ per cent., as he could not do so with consulting his partner.

Cross-examined by Mr. Zimmern, witness said that Lo Man-chau was his partner and principal assistant.

Lo had sent the two bills out as he had refused to do so, considering the fees excessive.

The bills were not sent out by him nor were they signed by him but by Lo.

The case is proceeding.

MAXIMUM
FINE

A maximum fine of \$250 was imposed by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning on a Shanghai Chinese, Zia Vai-fah, alias Sha Tao-heng, of No. 50, Morrison Hill Road, second floor, for driving under the influence of drink on January 12.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Traffic-Inspector Saunders told the Court that about 10 p.m. on Friday defendant was driving along Connaught Road Central. When near the Hong Kong Club, he collided with a stationary car and damaged its mud-guard. Defendant stopped about three feet off the sea wall. When the traffic Sergeant arrived defendant was sleeping in the back of his car. He was taken to hospital, where he was treated.

IT WORKED
AGAIN

An old trick worked again in Hong Kong yesterday when a Chinese woman was defrauded of \$51 in money and jewellery.

The woman, Wong Chiu-lan, was approached by a 14-year-old boy in Connaught Road Central and asked to change a packet of banknotes. The boy said he was a stranger in the Colony.

She gave the boy \$51 in money and jewellery as "security" and took the "money" to a money changer. The boy said he would wait.

When she opened the packet it was found to contain nothing but paper. The boy, of course, had disappeared.

Mr. J. M. Dalziel, of No. 105, Mountain View, has reported the loss of a silver cigarette case valued at \$50, somewhere between Barker Road and the Upper Peak Tram Station on Sunday.

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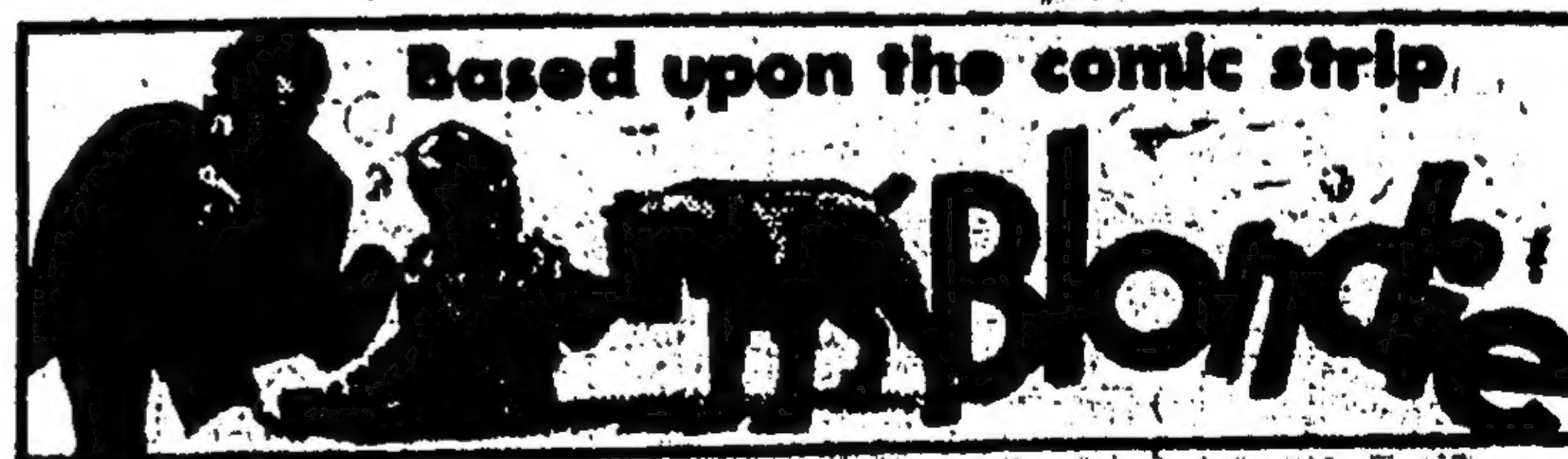
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REVENGE AIR RAIDS

Red Bombers Taking It Out On Civilians

400 SOVIET PLANES OVER FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

RUSSIAN AIR ATTACKS on Finland continue, scores of 'planes crossing the border shortly after dawn yesterday.

An air-raid alarm was sounded in the capital at 1 p.m., but although loud explosions were heard, no bombs were dropped on the city itself.

Telephone communication with Copenhagen and Stockholm was interrupted. — Reuter.

400 PLANES IN ONE RAID

London, To-day.

Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter the Soviet superiority in the air, the Finnish Legation spokesman told Reuter yesterday.

The partially cloudy weather of the last three days has enabled Russian bombers to approach their objectives in this way, and 27 districts were bombed.

In the course of one attack 400 planes participated and dropped over 1,000 bombs.

BASES IN ESTONIA

The Russians are using an aerial pincer movement.

They are using their new bases in Estonia in order to make raids on the west coast of Finland, and their airports along the eastern frontier are being used to cover the rest of the country.

Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast behind the Karelian Isthmus defences.

MORALE UNSHAKEN

Despite constant strafing from the air the morale of the Finns is unbroken, but it would be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great successes on land meant that she is winning the war.

The Finns realised well that such successes were local successes.

RED AERIAL DOMINATION

Great masses of Russians were still being brought into play. Furthermore the Russians dominated the skies with their bombers.

Finland must have more fighters; her fate depended on her securing more help in the air; she appealed to the whole world to help her counter Russia's strength. — Reuter.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

Helsinki, To-day.

A communique says that on Sunday the home area as well as the war zone experienced numerous air raids. It mentions many towns bombed and says Vaasa suffered most.

There eight civilians, including women and children, were killed, many were wounded and considerable material damage was done.

Elsewhere casualties and damage were relatively small.

VIA NORWAY

Part of the enemy machines came from the Arctic over Norwegian territory.

The number of machines over Finland during the day is estimated at over 300.

Three were shot down and the shooting down of another three awaits confirmation.

BIG BERTHA REAPPEARS

Paris, To-day.

The Nazis are reported to have brought long-range guns into action on the Western Front, near Luxembourg, and civilians have been evacuated from some French villages ten miles behind the front lines. — Reuter.

The wreckage of three more was found, which were among the unconfirmed cases reported on Friday. — Reuter.

WORST OF THE WAR

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

VIBORG HAD ITS WORST BOMBING OF THE WAR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN MANY BUILDINGS WERE SET ON FIRE AND ALL THE SHOP FRONTS IN ONE STREET BLOWN AWAY.

Twenty-two Red bombers participated in the raid.

For the fourth successive day Soviet planes have been raining bombs on towns in southern Finland, but the morale of the Finns is unaffected.

Helsinki had two alarms yesterday.

INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING

The officer commanding air defence issued a statement declaring that the enemy, having suffered reverses at the front, have tried to avenge their defeat on the population.

They have made no attempt as a rule to seek targets of military importance but dropped bombs in localities of small military significance.

2,000 BOMBS

During the week the enemy has dropped upwards of 2,000 bombs on 42 separate localities outside the war zone.

They have succeeded in killing 18 civilians, mostly women. The majority of the casualties belonged to the working class.

Three hospitals were bombed and solitary pedestrians and vehicles on the roads continue to be machine-gunned.

None of the Finnish landlines communication has been threatened and traffic nowhere seriously interrupted.

The number of enemy planes destroyed and shot down in a week is well above the number of Finnish civilians killed. — Reuter.

FRENCH VISIT TO ENGLAND

London, To-day.

A party of eminent French newspaper proprietors arrived in England yesterday as guests of the British Council.

During their stay visits will be made to Portsmouth and Aldershot and they will see something of London's air defences. Among social functions in their honour will be a lunch by the Government on Thursday. The visit concludes on Friday. — British Wireless.

SNATCHER SENTENCED

Hai Ming-sang, 23, unemployed, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with snatching a handbag from a Chinese woman Kwan Ling, in Queen's Road Central near the Chartered Bank yesterday. Mr. Morshaw, of Gutz Brothers, arrested the defendant and handed him over to the Police.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed, and defendant was recommended for banishment.

A.R.P. MARINES IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

British towns have so far been spared devastation by air raids against which precautions of civilian defence were taken, but the preparations made in the first days of the war have not been relaxed.

The civilian defence organisation stands ready. A million and a quarter volunteer workers are at their posts and training goes on.

Of the numerous branches of civilian defence few have an opportunity to carry out their duties except in practice exercises.

Auxiliary firemen and the "A.R.P. Marines"—the latest addition to the civilian defence ranks—are notable exceptions.

According to Home Secretary, auxiliary fire service men are turning out day and night to every fire that occurs. At a recent London fire, which turned out to be one of the biggest for several years, over two hundred auxiliary firemen were on duty.

DUTY AT SEA

The "A.R.P. Marines"—as they have been nicknamed—are a result of the German war on shipping.

Merchant ships are torpedoed or mined at sea or are attacked by German aircraft with bombs and machine-gun. Casualties need the earliest possible attention. There is a call to the shore for first aid parties.

Special A.R.P. squads stand by at ports ready to go to sea the moment a call comes at any hour, day or night.

On a recent occasion two first aid parties went out in a trawler to a ship three miles off shore which had on board survivors of another ship which had been torpedoed.

FINE FEAT

There was a heavy sea running and casualties had to be transferred from the ship to the trawler under difficult and dangerous conditions.

There were fifteen persons all suffering from extensive superficial burns.

It was not possible to use stretchers and every case had to be handled with the greatest care—one especially as he had a broken spine.

The squads administered first aid treatment under these conditions, took the casualties off and landed them. — British Wireless.

SABOTAGE IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

There have been four large fires in Berlin in 24 hours. Two factories were completely destroyed, while a third was badly damaged.

The extreme cold made it difficult for Berlin firemen to prevent the flames from spreading.

In spite of the death penalty for incendiarism, there have been many such cases recently, and it is thought that these four fires are also due to sabotage. — Reuter.

RATIONING SCHEME

London, To-day.

After the experience of one week of the schemes for the rationing of butter, bacon and sugar—the only foods yet subject to rationing in Britain—it is stated authoritatively that the machinery is working smoothly and well.

There has been no shortage anywhere in the distribution of rationed commodities. — British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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LONDON, TO-DAY.
SOMETHING OF WHAT THE WAR
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FIGURES OF L.M.S. TRAFFIC FROM
SEPTEMBER 1 TO THE END OF
1939.

The total reached over 520 millions compared with 428 millions in the same period of 1938, and it represented about ten and a half million loaded wagon journeys.

Every day an average of four thousand freight trains were run for the conveyance of loaded traffic — an increase of five hundred compared with a year ago.

It is pointed out that this greatly increased freight traffic has been handled to a large extent in the black-out and at the same time as the line has had to deal with a large volume of other priority traffic amounting to over eleven thousand special passenger trains, including troop trains, leave trains and "evacuation specials."

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Despite these heavy demands for war purposes the company has progressively restored its ordinary services to the public to a point where the density of passenger train operation is estimated at seventy per cent. that of the peacetime normal.

The Southern Railway has also issued returns for the first four months of the war, which show that the company ran 1,317 special trains for naval, military and R.A.F. personnel.—**British Wireless.**

LONDON, TO-DAY.
DESCRIBING THE OUTPOURINGS
FROM THE ZEESEN RADIO AS
"DEADLY POISON GAS FOR AN UN-
SUSPECTING PUBLIC," GENERAL
SMUTS, IN A MESSAGE TO THE
SOUTH AFRICAN TRUTH LEGION,
DEALT WITH THE DANGER TO
THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE OF
INSIDIOUS FORMS OF NAZI PRO-
PAGANDA WHICH ARE BEING
DIRECTED AGAINST THEM
THROUGH THE AIR AND IN THE
PRESS.

The Truth Legion is an organisation recently formed to combat such propaganda.

The South African Prime Minister said: "The only means of defence is for us to spread the truth as against lies to create goodwill as against mischievous insidious malice, to hold aloft the light as against the mental darkness and moral blackout with which we are menaced."

"Let us have faith in truth and its all conquering powers." — British Wireless.

LUXEMBURG, TO-DAY.
YESTERDAY MORNING, A SHELL
STRUCK A HOTEL DURING A
VIOLENT ARTILLERY ACTION ON
THE WESTERN FRONT. THREE
HOUSES WERE HIT AND SEVERAL
WINDOWS BROKEN BY SHELL
FRAGMENTS, BUT NO ONE WAS
HURT.

According to the Luxemburg press, several shells landed in Luxemburg villages on Sunday.

One shell hit a high-tension transformer, causing an electrical breakdown.

It is not yet known where the shells came from. — Reuter.

You'll be home for lunch, won't you, Bob?

Oh, sorry, but I forgot to tell you I'm going out with some of the boys this afternoon

He's always out, Scottie. Even when he's home he hardly talks. I know I've been run-down and dull-looking, but I don't deserve to be treated like this!

Mr. Bob
10/10/10

Dear Bob,
I know you
don't want me any
more, so I'm going
home where I
am wanted.
See that Scottie
gets his food all
right. Mary

AT HER MOTHER'S HOME

You're a very foolish girl! You've let yourself get tired out and nervy. You look about fifty. How can you expect Bob to be interested. Now you go back home and see a doctor!

A close-up of a hand holding a piece of paper with handwritten notes. The notes include "John's last name - go home", "am looking", "Sue's", and "at his right". The paper is being held up, and the handwriting is in dark ink.

...and, Doctor, I even wake tired

From what you tell me, Mrs. Norton, your trouble is Night Starvation. You see, even at night you go on using up energy in heartbeats, breathing and other automatic actions. In your case this has also led to an excess of acid waste products in the blood. All this causes you to wake tired, feel and look run-down and 'nervy'. Recent tests have proved that Hortlicker is what people need for that

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Tension In The Low Countries

TEMPO INCREASES AS TROOPS CONCENTRATE OPPOSITE BELGIUM

ANTI-GERMAN INCIDENT IN AMSTERDAM

London, To-day.

THE MILITARY MEASURES taken by Belgium and Holland and the temporary cancellation of leave in the B.E.F. continue to be the subject of much comment in Britain and other parts of the world. No further statement has yet been made about the cancellation of leave in the B.E.F., but well-informed circles in London point out that the situation created over the week-end seems to have been similar to that of last November, when the Low Countries were threatened by invasion from Germany.

It is thought that the most likely explanation is that Germany attempted to stampede the Low Countries into a state of panic.

The official German news agency states that the British and French Governments "deliberately passed on information" to Amsterdam and Brussels to induce the Netherlands and Belgian Governments to carry out the precautionary measures they have taken.

PARIS CONFERENCE

Yesterday, M. Daladier, the French Premier, saw the Belgian Ambassador. He also saw General Gamelin. — Reuter.

LOW COUNTRIES UNITED

Rome, To-day.
It is understood that the former Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Collin, told Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and other leading Italians last week, that complete solidarity existed between Belgium and Holland. An attack on one would mean an

attack on the other, Dr. Collin declared.

Meanwhile several Hollanders in Rome have packed and are ready to return at a moment's notice, although not liable for service. — Reuter.

ATTACK THIS MONTH

Stockholm, To-day.
It is impossible to obtain authoritative information in Berlin to show whether the Belgo-Dutch defence measures were really justified by German threats, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet".

Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive has been planned for this month.

It is unlikely that the offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded Low Countries.

BLITZKRIEG

Only object of an immediate German offensive would be how to end the war very quickly.

Soldiers of units visited by Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Hitler told the troops the war would be over by the Spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier are no longer a military secret. — Reuter.

BELGIUM ON GUARD

Brussels, To-day.
While the situation continued easier last night, Belgium's attitude is described as calmly vigilant.

Political circles state it is unlikely that "Phase D" of the Belgian mobilisation will be changed; and it is unlikely there will be a return to "Phase C" unless there is a great change in the international situation.

It is understood that the reason for the measures taken at the week-end was not due to the discovery of plans on a German aeroplane which made a forced landing but to political and military information received in Brussels. — Reuter.

MEXICAN MINE TRAGEDY

Mexico City, To-day.
Sixteen were killed through the collapse of a wall during blasting at the Dos Carlos silver mine, at Pachuca.
Six others are feared to be dying and four others were also injured. — Reuter.

HOLLAND PREPARED

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE DUTCH MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO CHECK OVER THE COUNTRY'S DEFENCE PREPARATIONS YESTERDAY, BUT NO NEW MEASURES WERE ANNOUNCED.

"Holland is prepared for anything but it must not be assumed that there is any imminent danger at the moment," Reuter was told in The Hague. There has been little development in the situation since Sunday.

NAZIS MASS

Intensive movements of German troops continue to be reported from across the frontier but according to usually well-informed sources, concentrations are much bigger opposite Belgium than opposite Holland.

Political quarters here have the impression that Belgium is playing the leading role in this particular crisis.

MILITARY ALLIANCE?

Rumours of a Belgo-Dutch military alliance are discounted in The Hague, and it is pointed out that the position of the two countries is very different.

Were Holland to be invaded it might be important that Belgium enter the war but if Belgium were invaded it might be far more advantageous to Belgium to have Holland

NEUTRAL VIEW OF SITUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.
THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" STATES THAT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES ASSERT THAT THE BELGO-DUTCH MILITARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF "ALLIED PROPAGANDA" AND ADDED THAT THE MEASURES WERE PURELY INTERNAL AND DID NOT CONCERN GERMANY.

The correspondent, said, however, that the Belgo-Dutch military measures were motivated by previous assurances Holland gave Britain following the kidnapping of two British subjects at Venlo near the Dutch-German border.

The paper concludes: "Strategically, Germany does not wish to start an offensive against Belgium and Holland although it is natural that sooner or later Germany will seek the weakest point on which to start an offensive." — Havas.

neutral.

Meanwhile the Dutch and Belgian Governments are keeping in continual touch with each other.

ANTI-GERMAN INCIDENT

The Dutch newspapers are dealing with the situation much more fully than in last November, and the population is noticeably less nervous, but crowds are gathered at the news-stalls where British and French newspapers are displayed, and gravely discuss the London and Paris versions of the situation, which are much more alarming than the accounts published here.

Unknown persons yesterday smashed the windows of the German travel bureau in one of Amsterdam's main streets. — Reuter.



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U.S. NAVY NEEDS LARGER UNDERWATER CRAFT

Washington, To-day.

ADMIRAL STARK, Chief of Naval Operations, speaking before the naval committee of the House of Representatives yesterday, said the U.S. Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some other powers because undersea operations might be required in the South Atlantic.

Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but "the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action more distant from our shores."

JAPANESE POLICY

"It has been the uniform policy of

Japan to build a large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas."

Replying to criticism that the proposed \$1,300,000,000 expansion fleet was "top heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 359 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built. — Reuter.

TOKYO'S APPROACH

Japan Brings Up Trade Treaty Question

DISCUSSIONS IN JAPANESE CAPITAL

Washington, To-day.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, Mr. Cordell Hull, stated at his press conference yesterday that a new commercial treaty with Japan is being discussed in Tokyo.

Asked about despatches from Tokyo that Japan had submitted proposals dealing with Japanese-American trade relations after January 26 (when the present treaty expires), Mr. Hull replied that all matters in which the two Governments were interested were under discussion from time to time between Mr. Grew and the Tokyo Foreign Office.

WAR MAY EXTEND TO ASIA, HOPES HITLER

The deadlock on the Western Front and the unwillingness of the German Army commanders to risk an offensive against the Maginot Line has led the Nazi leaders to consider the possibility of striking at the Allies in some other part of the world, writes Hugh Carleton Greene, "Daily Telegraph" Correspondent in Amsterdam.

There is every indication that the advantages and disadvantages of an attempt to spread the war to Asia Minor and India are now being discussed by Hitler's War Council.

As the Berlin correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraaf" reported, Germany's leaders are dreaming of a Russian march through Afghanistan against British India. They are encouraged by reports of renewed fighting in Waziristan and by the marked improvement in relations between the Reich and Iran.

How far Russia would be willing to fall in with these ideas is, of course, another question. At present she has her hands full in the Baltic and may soon be engaged in another adventure in the Balkans, but it would obviously be to Germany's advantage to divert her attention elsewhere, especially if the war effort of the Allies was thereby divided.

INVITATION TO MOSCOW

It is significant that the "Voelkischer Beobachter," the official Nazi party organ, has chosen this moment to publish an article about the possibility of a Russo-Turkish war. It gives a favourable estimate of Russia's chances, and the whole article is practically an invitation to Moscow not to miss a good opportunity.

The clouds are gathering about Asia Minor, states the paper. The French have concentrated troops in Syria, the British in Egypt and the Turks on the Caucasus front, while Russia, in reply, has reinforced her troops in Trans-Caucasia and Central Asia.

It expresses the opinion that in the event of a Russian offensive in Caucasus Turkey could expect little assistance from Britain and France. Russia could then strike southwards towards the Tigris and the Mosul oil region and threaten the pipe line to Haifa.

"One sees," concludes the paper, "that the possibilities for the Russians are clear and that the anxiety of the Western Powers is comprehensible. If the British intervene in a Russo-Turkish war the attitude of the Kurds, Iraq, Syria and the Arabs will assume great importance."

THREAT TO INDIA

"Once more the old antagonism be-

These matters, he said, include the commercial treaty situation and related topics.

Mr. Hull added that at present there were no developments.

JAPANESE APPROACH

After the conference an official of the State Department explained that the United States had not raised the question of a new commercial treaty but Japan was anxious for a new treaty and had undoubtedly injected it into the Tokyo discussions. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI RECRUIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

After a four-month wait for permission from the Polish Government, M. Andrezej Bohomolec, acting Polish Consul-General here, has suddenly left for France to join the Polish Legion.

In his absence, M. Deroset, Polish-Charge-d'Affaires, will perform the duties of Consul-General. — Havas.

SWISS DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss General Staff states that foreign radio reports of German troop concentrations near the Swiss border, were without foundation. — Havas.

tween Britain and Russia is coming into the foreground, and again the threat to India will play an important part.

"The idea of repeating the conquest of Alexander the Great has seriously occupied men like Napoleon and Field-Marshal von der Goltz. With modern means of communication it is possible.

"The Power which is in a position to carry out this plan is Russia, starting from her territory in Central Asia, and depending on her more and more extensive railway system."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf" states that this article has caused a sensation both in German and foreign circles in Berlin. It has provided some authoritative backing for the belief that the war may ultimately spread from Europe to Asia.

GERMAN FORCES TO-DAY

Some interesting facts about the present composition of the German forces in the field are revealed to-day in articles contributed to the "Westfaelische Landeszeitung" by its military correspondent, Capt. von Rosenthal.

Recalling the heavy losses suffered by young untrained troops at the beginning of the last war, Capt. von Rosenthal states that on this occasion only troops which have been through a very thorough training are being employed.

ANOTHER NAZI PLANE DOWN

Paris, To-day.

Yet another German plane has been shot down.

A Nazi plane on a reconnaissance flight over northern France was engaged by two French fighters and, after a brief engagement, landed in a field.

The crew of three were taken prisoner. — Reuter.

STOCK MART EASIER

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was easier yesterday on the renewed international uncertainties, but losses in most groups were only small owing to the absence of selling pressure.

Gilt-edged securities headed the down drift.

Commodities and tin were easier in sympathy with the Far East, together with the continued paucity of consuming demand.

Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

MUST RESPECT AMERICAN INTERESTS IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

AUTHORIZED CIRCLES declare that any temporary commercial modus vivendi between Japan and the United States is subject to a formal guarantee by Japan that American interests in China will be respected.

This attitude was apparently taken following the transmission here of certain Japanese proposals aiming at a temporary maintenance of the "most favoured nation" clause.

Unless an absolute guarantee is forthcoming in the next 10 days, a "non-treaty situation" will arise which, however, will not be tantamount to discrimination against Japanese goods.

The direct effect of the expiration of the treaty will only be the lifting up of all duties on Japanese goods sold in the United States, while Americans in Japan and Japanese in the United States (including ships in port) will enjoy exactly the same rights as before.

REPRISAL TARIFF

A reprisal tariff and an embargo on certain goods could, however, be enforced by Congress in a very short time, if the situation requires it.

It will be recalled that Senator Key Pittman has indicated he intends to request Congress to take such a step as soon as the treaty expires. On the other hand, the President is authorized under existing legislation to put an embargo on imports from a country which discriminates against American commerce. — Havas.



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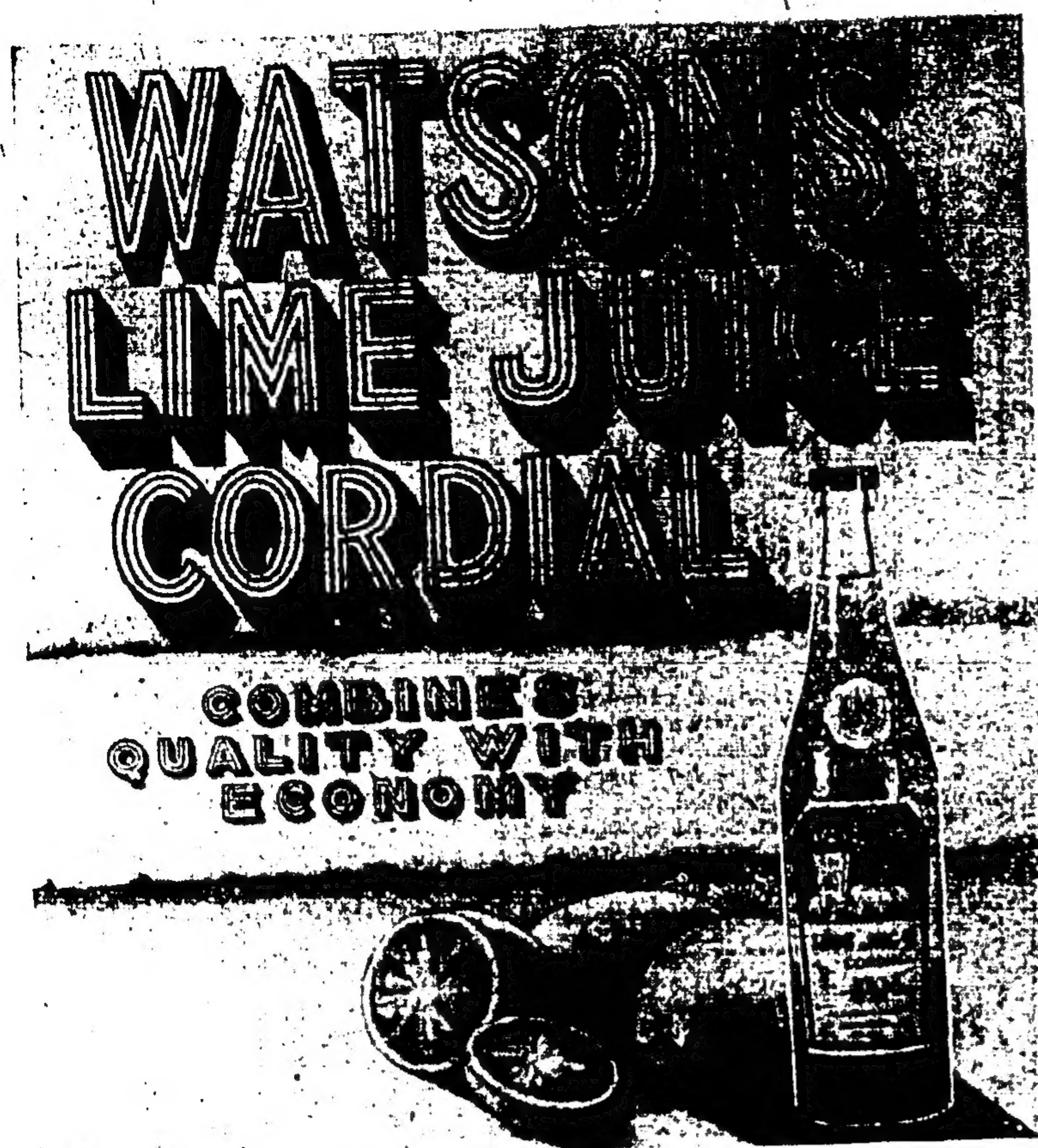
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

MR. HORE-BELISHA

Apart from a very small and consequently insignificant section of the British public, there exists in Britain an almost unanimous determination to see the war through. Whatever may be other nations' opinions regarding the justice of the British cause, there can be little doubt that within the British Isles, the conviction of the intrinsic righteousness of Britain's war policy is deep-seated and unwavering.

However, this overwhelming determination on the part of the British people to carry on the war until victory or death does not mean that there are no sharp differences of views regarding how this war should be conducted. The resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha is merely a manifestation of these differences.

During his tenure of office as the head of the British War Office, Mr. Hore-Belisha has done remarkable work in strengthening Britain's fighting forces. He has had to put his reforms into effect literally at a forced pace and against time because throughout his tenure, war and a pitiful state of unpreparedness were staring Britain grimly in the face. Like all men who were compelled to do drastic things in order to achieve results, Leslie Hore-Belisha has undoubtedly stepped on the toes of many a British Army professional. It was apparently this constant friction between the generals and the "human dynamo" in the British War Office which brought about the resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha. — "China Press."

IL DUCE AND GERMANY

The statement made by the diplomatic editor of "Reynold's News" to the effect that Signor Mussolini had warned Herr Hitler that if an Italian peace plan were rejected by the Allies, he would not continue to support Germany morally unless she broke off completely from Soviet Russia, is interesting if true. It is most certainly not an improbable story, for it has been apparent all along that Il Duce has watched the increasing understanding between the Reich and the Soviet with considerable anxiety, and dislike. What is unlikely is that Herr Hitler will be willing to make such a complete volte face as it is reported Signor Mussolini desires, for it would be an admission

of his earlier mistake, and Dictators cannot admit that they are not infallible. At the very best this Reich-Soviet understanding is a most uneasy affair, and endowed with no profit whatever for Germany. What supplies Russia could have given Germany are now required in order to support the invasion of Finland, the Kremlin finding that it has got a man-sized war on its hands instead of the easy task it

was originally expected the conquest of Finland would be. Militarily Russia must be a keen disappointment for Der Fuehrer, for the Soviet armies have completely failed to distinguish themselves in anything but defeat, and the manner in which they have been dealt with by the Finns must cause a very considerable revision of opinion in Berlin as to the benefits which may be derived from military alliance with that country. It is doubtful, however, whether if Herr Hitler did break with Russia it would inspire in Signor Mussolini a hearty desire for co-operation with the Reich, for remembering all that has happened in the past he would surely wonder exactly how permanent any new

understanding between the two would be, and whether or not again at some time, when it suited Herr Hitler's plans Italy would be thrown overboard as it was last August. The chances are that Il Duce is far too sagacious a statesman to place any great reliance in any assurances he may receive from Herr Hitler for the strengthening of Italo-German relationships. If, as it is suggested, Herr Hitler may ultimately yield to pressure and get rid of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop who procured Germany so bad a bargain from Russia, he will be freed from a man who has proved to be his evil genius, but even that would not be going so far as Il Duce would appear to require. — "N. C. D. News."

FINAL WITNESS

A French Government Yellow Book completes the evidence about the origins of the war. The British diplomatic documents already published are now paralleled with an exactly similar experience on the part of French diplomacy. The famous "Paroles d'Honneur" which constituted the smoke-screen of the Hitler-Ribbentrop diplomatic technique are catalogued in their ugly crudity. The text is reproduced, without comment (for to comment would be to help the sun with a candle), of the German undertaking to respect Austrian sovereignty; to respect Czechoslovak sovereignty; to respect Polish sovereignty. The distinctive feature of Germany's contribution to the contemporary phase of diplomatic history is that she placed on record, in writing, the specific "words of honour" which she then with equal openness proceeded to dishonour. Herr Hitler, Herr von Ribbentrop, Field-Marshal Goering, Herr von Neurath, each contribute over their solemn signature to this historic record of high diplomacy conducted by the method of deliberate, documented lying. M. Francois-Poncet and M. Coulondre, with cold detachment, publish the sordid texts. — "The Observer."

NEW WORLD AND OLD

The exultant foulness that marks the course of German warfare by land and sea has impressed on the

WAY OF LIFE

This war in Europe is more than the traditional struggle in power politics, or so-called imperialism. It is a struggle between two "ways of life," which will reveal themselves in every political, economic, and cultural phase of human activity. Should the Nazi regime win this war, it can only be presumed that the German people generally would do little to prevent the ideas upon which Western civilization rests from being overwhelmed; with the result that justice, individual liberty and equality would be threatened with disappearance from the continent and Europe would be plunged back into the Dark Ages. — M. R. Shapley.

Dominions that civilization itself, including their own share in it, is at stake, and awakened all the instincts of self-preservation. And, since that is so, they feel that their honour demands contribution of their blood as well as of their resources to a cause that involves their own future as much as that of the European Allies. The Dominion Governments have been impelled by the insistence of their own peoples to expand their

war programmes by a much greater organisation of man-power for immediate fighting purposes than they originally intended.

We all recollect what the free peoples of the Empire did before, and today they take the same course with a still deeper sense of occasion and with infinitely greater resources at their disposal. With the attainment of their full nationhood they have achieved a rapid growth in economic self-reliance and industrial power. They have advanced also in the arts of self-defence. The world has seen something in these last weeks of the capacity of Dominion fighters by sea and air. It is going to see yet more impressively what the new world can do to redress the balance of the old. — "The Observer."

NAZI U-BOAT TORPEDOES DUTCH SHIP: WELL-KNOWN ON FAR EAST RUN

Amsterdam, To-day.

THE 8,000-TON DUTCH steamer *Arendskerck*, bound for South Africa from Antwerp, was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay, 100 miles off Ushant, yesterday.

The ship sank immediately, but the Italian steamer *Fedora* saved all the crew of 65; there were no passengers.

Captain Wikneer, of the *Arendskerck*, has telegraphed his company, the United Netherlands Company, of The Hague, that the ship was torpedoed after being searched.

Of the crew, 28 are Europeans and the remainder British Indians.

DUTCH INDIGNATION

The vessel was carrying 4,000 tons of cargo, consisting of neutral piece-goods.

There was very great indignation in Dutch shipping circles when the first news arrived.

Further details are being awaited before any definite opinion is officially voiced.—*Reuter*.

The *Arendskerck*, which flew the Holland-East Asia Line house-flag when she was out here, was on the Antwerp - Amsterdam - Rotterdam - Genoa-Hong Kong-Shanghai run, local agents for which are the Java-China-Japan Line. Together with the *Grootekerk*, *Abbekerk*, *Meerkerk* and *Oudekerk*, she maintained a reliable and popular cargo service, the black funnel with thin red band being a familiar sight in the harbours of the Far East.

LAUNCHED IN 1914

Launched in 1914 at Rostock, the *Arendskerck* (ex St. Alban's Abbey ex Totmes) was classed A-1 at Lloyds. With a gross tonnage of 7,390 and a net tonnage of 4,566, she was 474 feet long, with a breadth of 61 feet and a depth of 29 feet.

She had two decks and a shelter deck, while there was a third deck in the No. 1 hold; all decks were steel, and she was fitted with a collision bulkhead to the shelter deck. Flying the Dutch flag, she was registered at The Hague and was, of course, equipped with wireless.

MURDER OF SENATORS PLANNED

New York, To-day.

Mr. J. Edgar, Hoover "G-man" head, states that the plans of the Christian Front, at least one member of which was in the German-American Bund, included the murder of 12 Congressmen.

The leader of the pseudo-sports club was addressed as "Fuehrer" and received the Nazi salute.

Secret photographs taken by American secret agents showed members of the party being instructed in the handling of arms.—*Reuter*.

R.A.F. LEAVE CANCELLED

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that for the time being leave for the British air forces in France is cancelled, says *Reuter's* special correspondent.

This does not affect those

R.A.F. CAN STOP AIR BLITZKRIEG

London, To-day.

That R.A.F. fighters could bring an enemy air offensive on Britain to a standstill in a comparatively short space of time by the losses which would be inflicted on raiding bombers, is the opinion held in authoritative London circles.

Although tribute is paid to the efficiency of the self-sealing petrol tanks carried by Heinkel bombers, which increases the difficulty in shooting them down in their spasmodic appearances over British shores, it is pointed out that neither British aeroplane design or armament is standing still, and British fighters shortly will be able to shatter these tanks, which at present, though riddled with bullets, do not leak sufficiently to prevent the enemy reaching home again.

The skill and courage of nightflying German pilots is fully recognised, and it is appreciated by men of the Fighter Command that neither British industries nor the civilian population will be safe until a full offensive breaks out and the percentage of losses which the enemy will have to suffer affects the morale of German pilots.—*British Wireless*.

RIBBENTROP DOES A FADE-OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

INDICATIONS OF FIELD MARSHAL GOERING'S ASCENDANCY OVER HERR VON RIBBENTROP ARE SEEN IN THE APPOINTMENT OF HERR WOHLTAT, GOERING'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, AS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IN THE GERMAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC MODUS VIVENDI, POSSIBLY FOR FUTURE SUPPLY OF EXTENSIVE SOVIET RAW MATERIALS TO THE REICH.

Herr Wohltat, who heretofore was executor of the German Four-Year plan, replaces Dr. Karl Ritter who assumes other functions.

Hence Field-Marshal Goering himself virtually directs the German-Soviet economic parleys.

Field-Marshal Goering's view, like the Army's view, is that Germany can benefit from an alliance with the U.S.S.R. only if Soviet economics are placed under German control.

Dutch politicians deem Dr. Wohltat's appointment as progress towards this goal and prove that the Nazis believe that the time is ripe to impose their will upon the Reds.—*Havas*.

at present on leave, who will return at the normal time.—*Reuter*.

JOB FOR THE CHINA SQUADRON?

Paris, To-day.

The possibility of the Germans running supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from the United States, under the cash and carry system, is not being lost sight of in the Allied Contraband Control.

The Control is tightening around all kinds of German vessels.

As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from the Baku oil-fields lies via the Volga to Moscow and then by canal to Leningrad, whence it is sent to Germany by sea.—*Reuter*.

R.A.F. ESCAPE

London, To-day.

The crew of an R.A.F. bomber escaped injury yesterday when the machine crashed near a forest but on failing to take off the crew were able to jump out before the crash, and although the bombs on the machine exploded with the impact, shaking houses over six miles, the R.A.F. men were unhurt.—*British Wireless*.

RESULT OF R.A.F. FLIGHT?

Zurich, To-day.

Vienna is now to be blacked-out at night, according to the correspondent of a Swiss paper.

Officially, this measure is intended to economise coal.—*Reuter*.

OMINOUS SOVIET STATEMENT

Moscow, To-day.

Norway and Sweden's "un-neutral attitude" displayed by their sending aid and volunteers to Finland may, says Tass, the official Soviet news agency, lead to "undesirable complications" and disturb normal relations with Soviet Russia.

It will be recalled that Norway and Sweden, in reply to a Soviet protest against Scandinavian press comment and the sending of volunteers to Finland, replied that the freedom of the press existed in Scandinavia and that such volunteers as have gone went as "private individuals."

According to the Moscow Radio, Soviet Russia is not satisfied with this reply and hopes that the two countries will not be brought into the war against the Soviet Union.—*Reuter*.

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What Of That "War Generation" Now?

It has frequently been stated that children born during 1914-1918 were so affected by war conditions that they were nervous to a degree, even if they were not neurotic. On the other hand, the young airmen in this war, men of 21 to 25, who have shown their cool courage and iron nerves, not to mention their skill as pilots in the "cavalry of the clouds," are the very men who were born during the period of the last war. How are we to reconcile this apparent contradiction?

The courage and daring of the present young generation of airmen is clear enough, and cannot be gainsaid. Is there any basis of fact behind the other idea that the conditions of the last war affected adversely some of the children who were born during or lived through the war period? Did air raids ever produce neurosis in children who were subjected to them?

CHILDREN BORN IN RAIDS

This idea sometimes finds expression in the contention that children born during air raids in the last war were unduly nervous. It may be said at once that there appears to be no medical evidence of any such effect. Children born in air raids appear to be as normal as any others.

Nervousness in a child who happened to be born in an air raid might be attributed to this cause by the mother, just as mentally defective children are generally said to have fallen on their heads when they were young, even though it is often clear that the mental defectiveness had a different origin.

Air raids might affect an unborn child by inducing in the mother a premature birth; or it is sometimes suggested that if the expectant mother were subjected repeatedly to fear from air raids her resulting debility might, perhaps, affect the child unfavourably. Something will, no doubt, depend upon the temperament and general health of the mother. But the chances of the child being permanently affected are, in any case, small, and there appears to be no satisfactory medical evidence that any such permanent injury actually occurred in the last war. It is very remarkable how Nature has contrived to protect the welfare of the unborn child, even sometimes at the expense of the mother.

When one kind of fruit tree is grafted on another there is some effect (though generally not great) of stock on scion, and there may also be a slight reciprocal effect of the scion on the stock. This is because the scion receives its water or sap supply from the stock, the two being in direct intercommunication.

LEEWAY TO MAKE UP

There is no such direct communication between mother and child, and the child is therefore in one sense more physiologically independent of the mother than the scion is of the stock. For instance, the child may have received from its father a



Professor R. Ruggles Gates.

different blood group from that of the mother, so that the blood of mother and child would coagulate each other or cause clumping of the red corpuscles if they met. But the placenta is so constructed that this meeting of their blood never happens. The child manufactures its own blood during development.

The subject of premature births and their effects on the child is a complicated one, and the prematurely-born child will sometimes have a considerable leeway of development to make up after birth.

In Finland, a recent study has been made of nearly 400 children who had been prematurely born. The children, when 7 to 15 years of age, were given intelligence tests—the well-known Binet-Simon tests as modified by Terman. The birth-weights of these children were 2,500 grams (about 5½ pound, or less).

These prematurely-born children were, of course, generally under weight at birth. Some were late in learning to walk, and others were slow in learning to talk. The intelligence quotient (I.Q.) of these children proved to be, in general, proportional to their weight at birth, and there were other evidences of deficiencies which could be made good only in post-natal development.

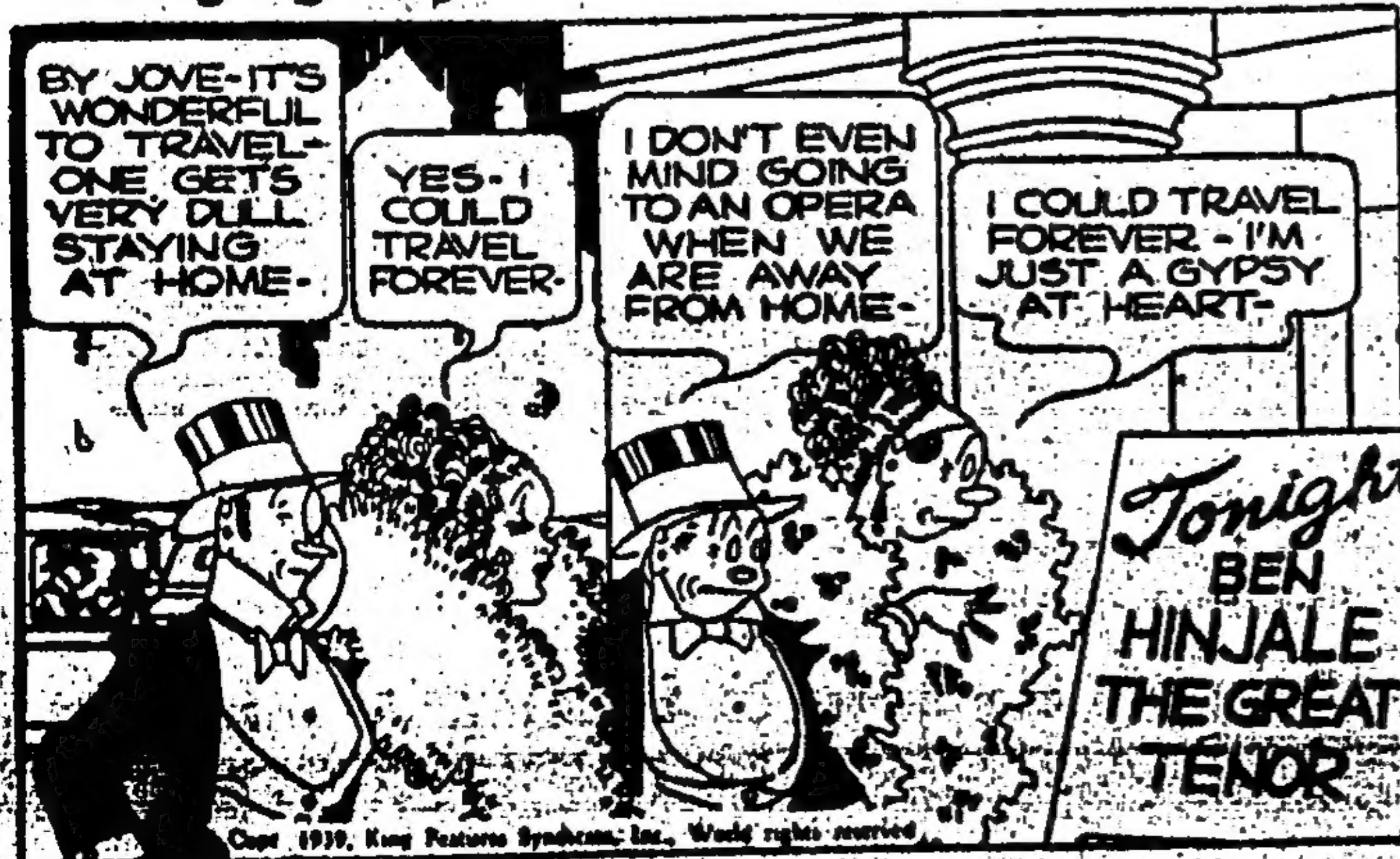
That deficiency of any kind is by no means a necessary result of premature birth is shown, however, by the case of the famous Dionne quintuplets, who have recently celebrated their fifth birthday. Their extremely small size at birth was a much greater handicap than the size deficiency in a single prematurely-born infant would be. Yet medical care has not only resulted in their survival and normal development, but they are by no means lacking in brightness.

While very small size is by no means the same thing as under-development, and in all biological processes the time element is of great importance, yet the study of multiple births shows that with care an original deficiency in size can ultimately be overcome in later development of the child.

While the air raids may therefore have induced a certain number of premature births, only a small fraction of these undersized children will

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Bringing Up Father



By George McMan

BRITISH STAND ON SAFETY ZONE

London, To-day.

The British Government's reply to the suggestion by the Pan-American Conference that a 300-mile "safety zone" be drawn around the Americas has been sent to the Government of Panama.

It is understood that the text of the reply will be published to-day.—Reuter.

WHAT OF THAT "WAR GENERATION" NOW?

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have shown any deleterious effects 10 years later.

NEVER-FORGOTTEN FEARS

There is, though, another way in which air raids appear to have affected an occasional child in the last war. In relatively rare cases, children who were at the impressionable age of five or less were so terrified by their experience in air raids that the mental effect could be traced 25 years afterwards.

I am indebted to Dr. R. G. Gordon for details of such an instance. A case of this kind is fully convincing only when all the details are given at length, and that is impossible here. Nevertheless, the main facts may be stated.

A married woman of 30 and with two children suffers from intense anxiety if she goes out alone. She has an obsession, which she knows to be irrational, that something dreadful is going to happen—probably that she will die. Formerly, it was a fear of going insane. Her husband and her sister are the best "protection" against this irrational fear. She also suffers from failure of memory, inability to concentrate and dull headaches.

The background of this pathological anxiety finally proved to be a vivid memory of an air raid in which she and her sister were told to stay under a table while the parents went to the door to see what was happening. She, unlike her sister, and perhaps because she was more intelligent, was terrified. The impression on her mind was so deep that it seemed to her afterwards that this raid happened over and over again. Although she is physically healthy, this anxiety state or psychosis appears to have developed from an experience of great fear while still a child.

DANGER STIMULATED THEM

Such cases are no doubt rare. They serve to emphasise the fact that the great bulk of children who experienced air raids in the last war were unaffected by them. The minds of some boys may even have been stimulated by the sense of danger, so long as it was not too closely impending against their own immediate welfare.

It is now clear that there is nothing tremulous or hesitant in the gallant generation of young men whose natural element is now the air, but who were boys during the last war. Their nervous systems are at least as instant in action as those of their ancestors. They have shown a quality of daring, courage and initiative equal to anything in Elizabethan times.

ANOTHER MURDER IN SHANGHAI

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Yu Yeh-feng, a prominent merchant in Shanghai, was shot and killed by an unidentified gunman in the Kang Sun Theatre in the International Settlement last night, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The motive of the murder is as yet unknown.—Sinhua News.

RETIRING C.G.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

A large crowd of British and foreign military officials yesterday bade farewell to Sir Herbert Phillips, O.B.E., F.R.G.S. retiring British Consul-General, who boarded the liner President Coolidge which is leaving early this morning.

Sir Herbert has been in China for 42 years. He was Student Interpreter in 1898 and from 1930 to 1937 was British Consul-General at Canton.

Sir Herbert is 62 years old.—Havas.

TSINGTAO CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Wang Ching-wei is going to Tsingtao, probably this morning, to attend a crucial conference with leaders of the Peiping "Provisional" Government and the Nanking "Reformed" Government due to be held before the end of January.

The chief aim of the conference is to make preparations for the establishment of the new Central Political Council as the first stage for the formation and organisation of the new Central Government which Wang Ching-wei hopes to inaugurate on or after the Chinese New Year.—Havas.

CAR EXPORTS

London, To-day.

While the German radio on Sunday announced the abandonment of Germany's export motor car trade, as a result of the Allied blockade, the export of British cars to Australia, India, Burma, Portugal and Uruguay for the first three months of the war reached record figures.

The Society of Car Manufacturers states that there were also increases in the number of cars shipping to the West Indies, Siam, Eire, Malaya, Canada, and South Africa.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC OFFENCE

Mrs. J. P. Whitham, of No. 6, Shek-O, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for leaving her car in Queen's Road Central near the King's Theatre on December 27, and failing to produce her licence.

Mr. Whitham pleaded guilty on behalf of his wife, and was fined \$5 on each summons.

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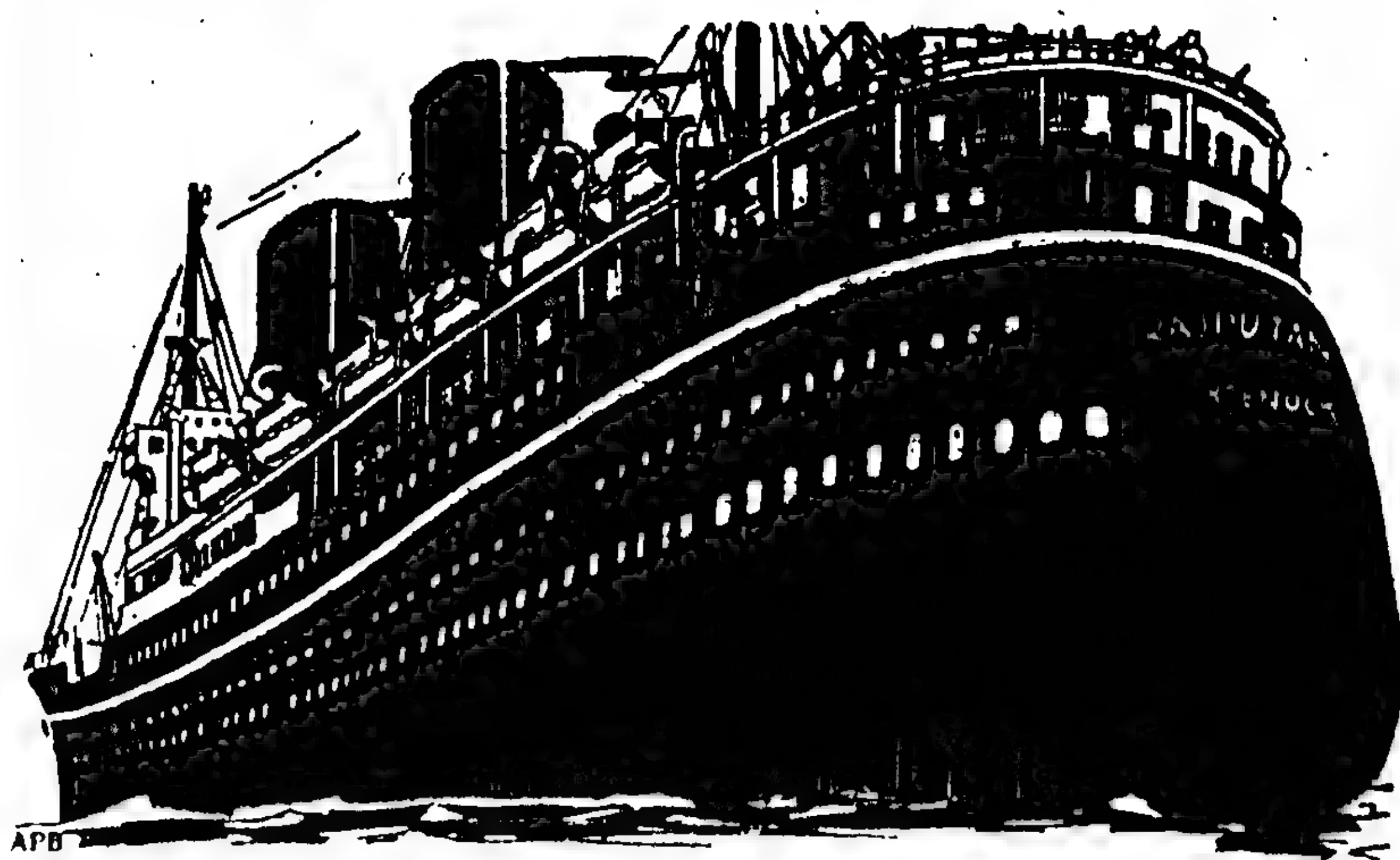
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RED PLANE LANDS IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO PROTEST TO MOSCOW AGAINST THE BOMBING OF SWEDISH TERRITORY. A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF SPLINTERS REVEALED RUSSIAN INSCRIPTIONS.

According to a witness, eight bombs fell on the ice and the ninth on a house, but failed to explode. The bombs were of the 200 kilos type.—Havas.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Stockholm, To-day.
The Swedish Government is to make a protest against the dropping of bombs in Swedish territory on Sunday when, fortunately, no damage was done and no one was injured.

One report states that the son of the Crown Prince and the Governor of the district involved, Lulea, have confirmed that the bombs were of Russian manufacture.—Reuter.

NORWAY TOO

Oslo, To-day.
The Government has instructed the Norwegian Legation in Moscow to lodge an energetic protest against the violation of the Norwegian frontier by Soviet planes.

An official statement says that several Soviet planes crossed the frontier at different points on January 12 and 14.—Reuter.

LAND IN NORWAY

Oslo, To-day.
Soviet planes operating on the northern Finnish front crossed the Norwegian frontier yesterday, according to press reports.

It is added that one plane even landed on the Norwegian side of the Pasvik River but took off again almost immediately.—Reuter.

NAZIS TRY TO EXPLAIN IT AWAY

Berlin, To-day.
Saturday's long-distance survey flight of the R.A.F. over Greater Germany is now admitted by the Nazis.

At first, the radio station denied that any such flights had taken place. Sunday night, however, the official German news agency admitted that the flight had taken place, but "explained" that the R.A.F. planes were "watched very closely."

The agency claims that German observers watched the activity of the British planes very closely; they were all at a very great height.

NOT MUCH USE!

Such flights are not very dangerous,

PRESS COMMENT

WINGS OVER AUSTRIA

London, To-day.
Jews of the Old Reich in Nazi Germany are now only 16 per cent. employed, according to the "Manchester Guardian."

Fortunately, says the paper, the Central Jewish Organization has at least been able to organize relief and the horrors of transportation to the Jewish "sector" in Poland has not yet been realised in any very large measure.

In Vienna, however, many have followed the path to the ghetto of extermination.

A REMINDER

Under the heading "Wings Over Austria," the "Manchester Guardian," in another leading article, says that Saturday's R.A.F. flight brought to the people of Austria and Czechoslovakia a reminder that they are still within range of better neighbours than the Nazis.

The "News Chronicle" emphasizes that the flight will bring new hope to the Czechs and Austrians, while the "Daily Telegraph," calling it the most brilliant survey flight of the war, says that it will become known to the Germans that their Fuehrer cannot shelter them from the air-power of the Allies and that the most remote parts of Greater Germany are not safe when the British and French choose to strike.—Reuter.

FORM OF U.S. HELP FOR FINLAND

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS INFORMED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT HE WILL SEND A COMMUNICATION TO CONGRESS SHORTLY ON EXTENDING AID TO FINLAND.

It is predicted that the President will advise Congress that any United States assistance for Finland should be confined to non-military help.

A Senate authority stated yesterday that President Roosevelt would discuss the question of an additional loan to Finland through the Export and Import Bank for non-military purchases in the United States.—Reuter.

continues the agency, and are "not of much use, anyway."

In view of the close watch kept on the R.A.F. planes, it is curious that they were not intercepted or attacked, in any way. No anti-aircraft guns opened up, and the pilots reported having seen searchlights at one point only.—Reuter.

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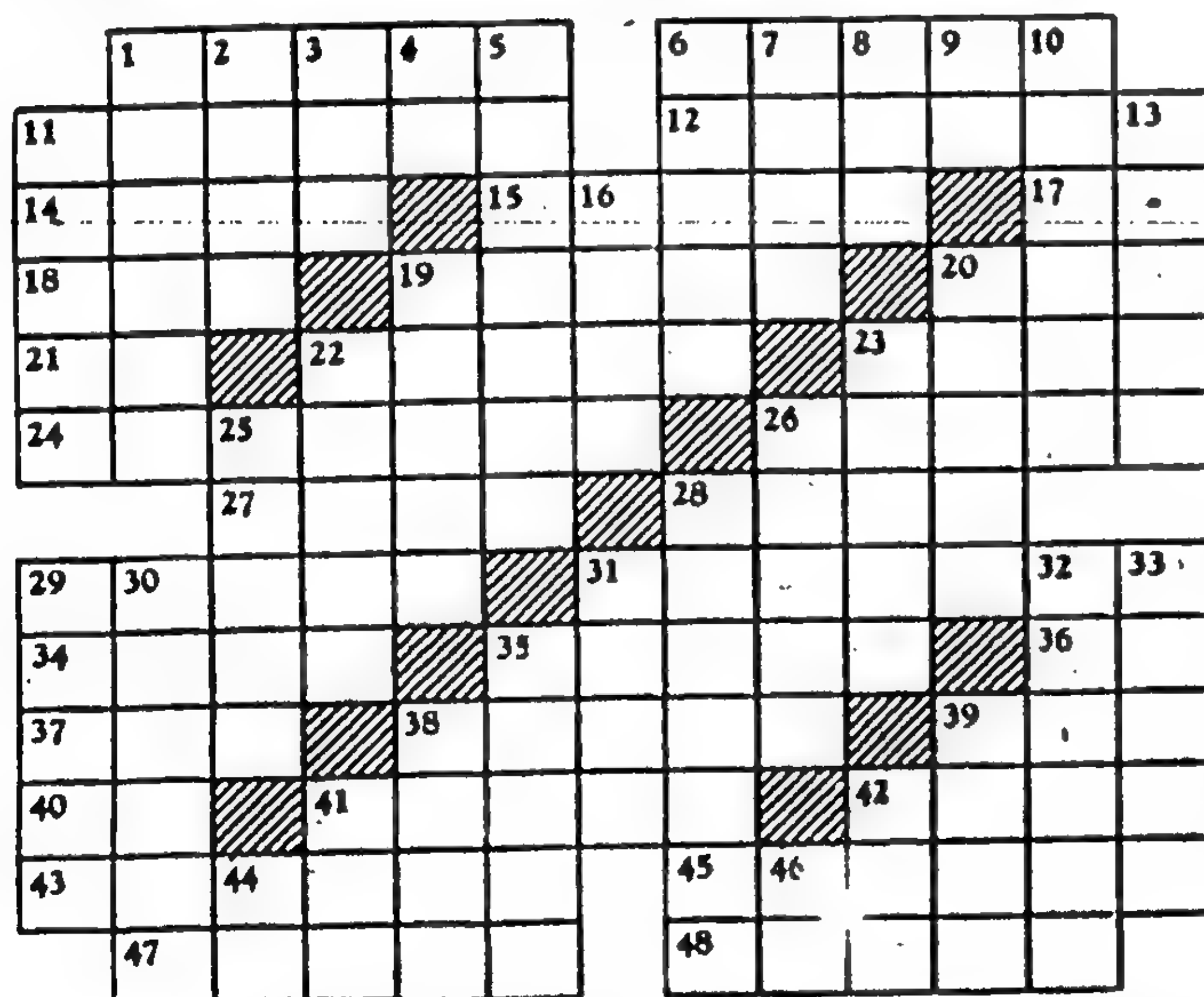
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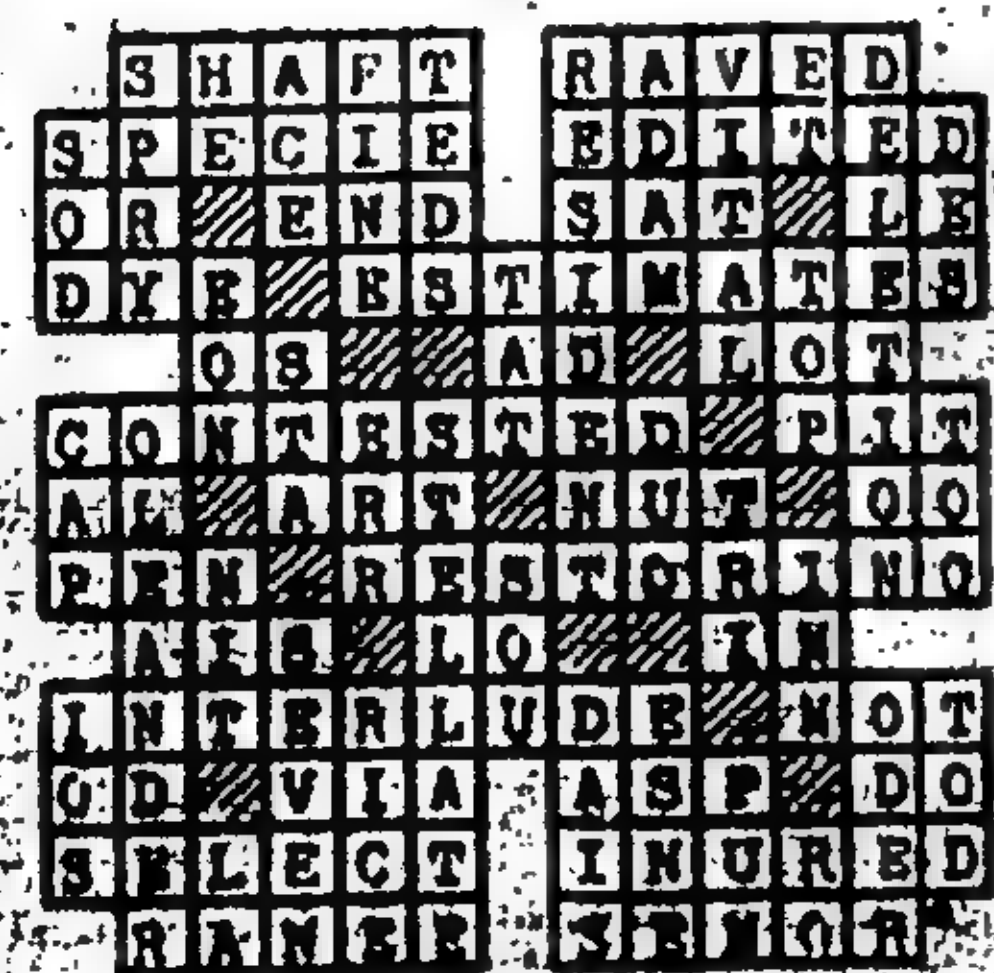
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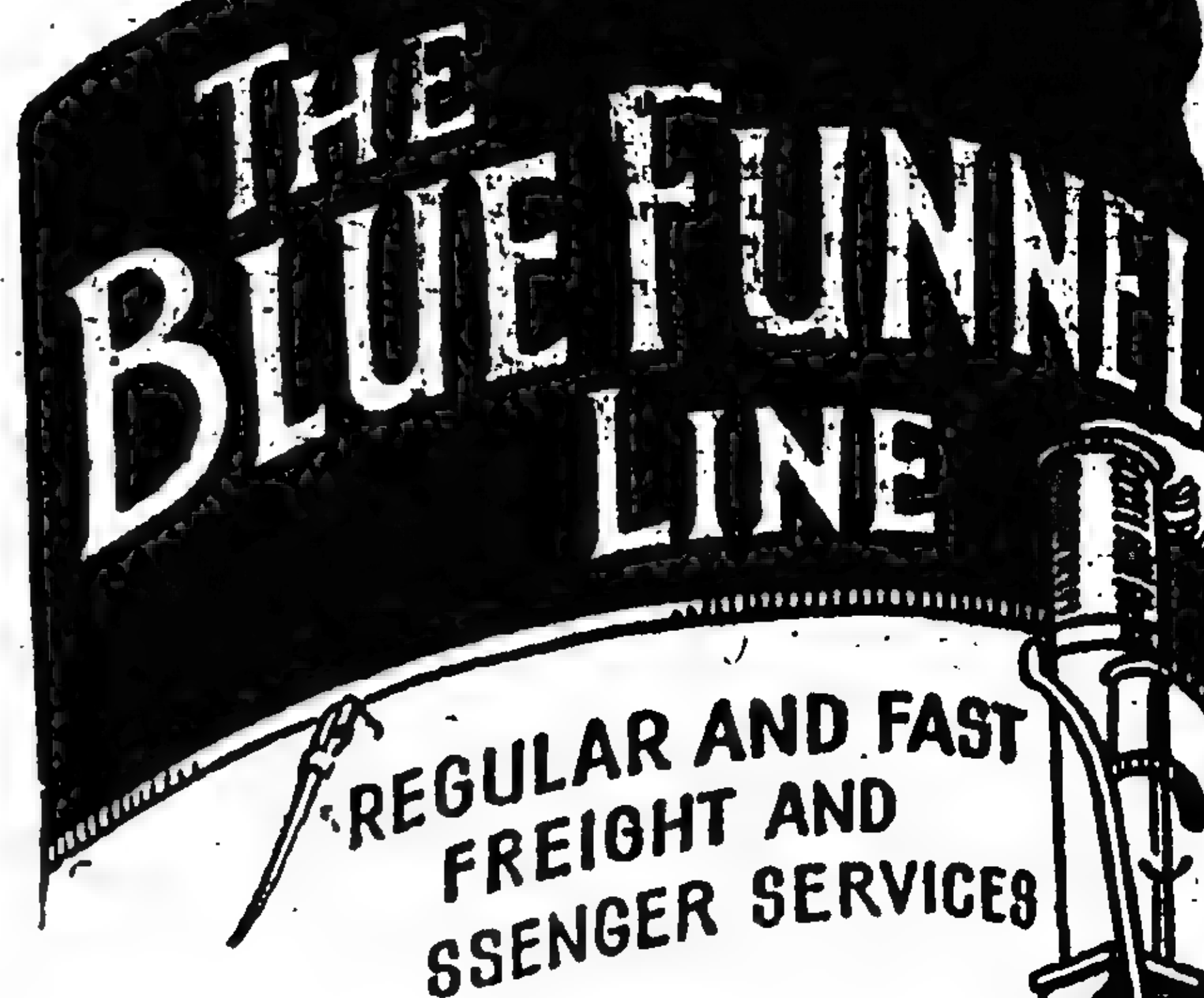
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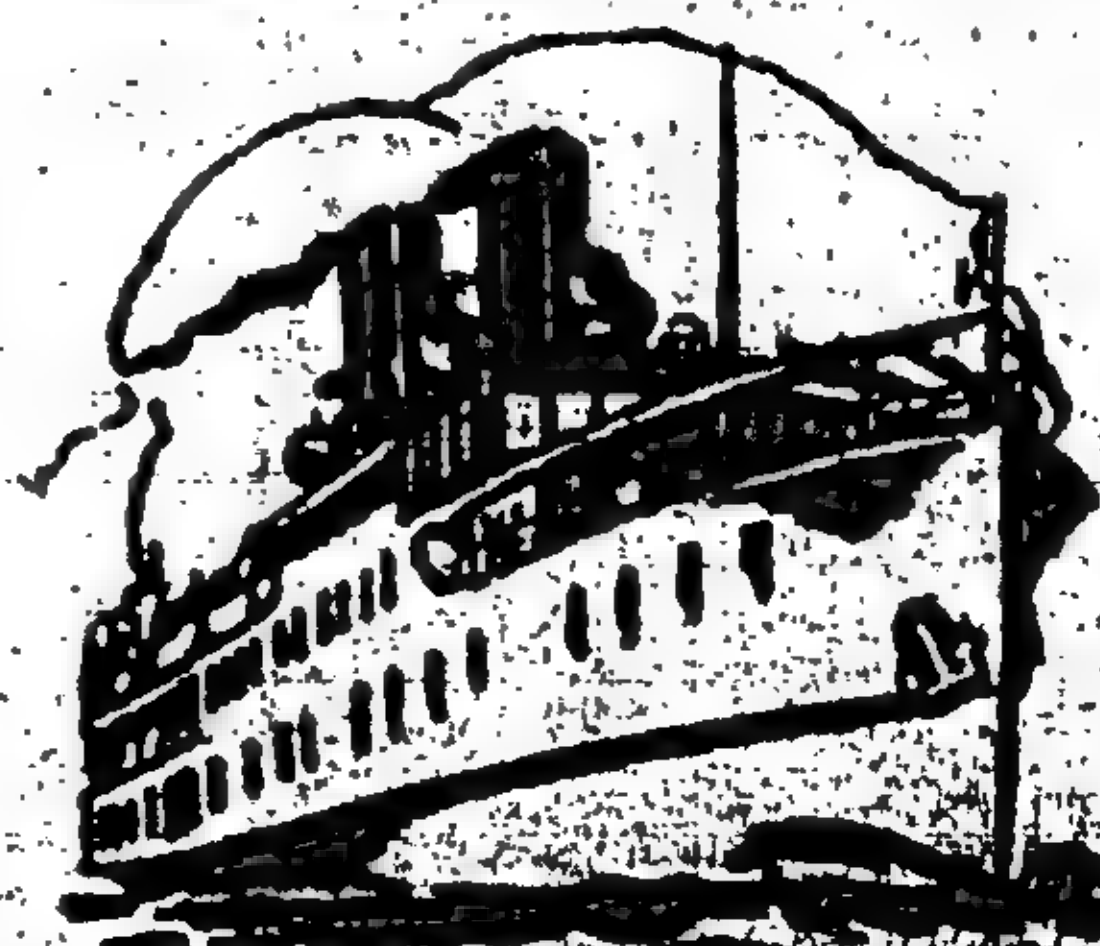
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WAR OFFICE STORY

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 21-3/4 for Spot and 21-3/4 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$3.97-5/8.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened considerably and continues to extend

MORE JUNKS FIRED

Setting fire to junks continues to be the practice of Japanese naval units operating along the South China coast, three such incidents having occurred on January 9 last, according to reports made by the victims when they arrived here yesterday.

In each instance the men were ordered by armed Japanese sailors into a sampan and the Japanese set fire to the junks. The men returned after the Japanese had left, extinguished the fires and sailed for Hong Kong.

CASE DISMISSED

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy at 12.30 p.m. yesterday following the issue of a warrant for his arrest, Mr. Paul Hannay Symons, 30, Government Assistant Analyst, was dismissed with a caution for being drunk and disorderly in the Gough Hill Police Station on Sunday.

eastward. A depression appears to be moving north-eastward across Formosa.

CENSORED PLEIADES

A French journalist in his description of anti-aircraft fire somewhere in France the other night said that he saw puffs of smoke between Orion and the Pleiades. The censor, however, asked him to remove the reference to these points. Their names, he said might furnish guidance to the Germans.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1340 b., \$1370 s.

INSURANCES
Union Ins. \$460 b.
China Underwriters \$1¼ s.

SHIPPING
Douglases \$72½ b.
Indo-China (Pref.) \$100 b.
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$80 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$102 b.
H.K. Docks \$21.10 b., \$21¼/21.35 sa.
Providents \$4.70 b., \$4¼ sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. and S. Hotels \$5¼ b., \$5.70 sa.
H.K. Lands \$33¼ b., \$33.85 sa.
Humphreys \$8¼ b., \$8¼ sa.
H.K. Realities \$4.60 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$17.60 b., \$17.60 sa.
Yaumati Ferries \$24 b.
China Lights (New) \$4¼ b.
H.K. Electrics \$55 b., \$56 s., \$55½ sa.

Sandakan Lights \$11¼ b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$18¼ b.

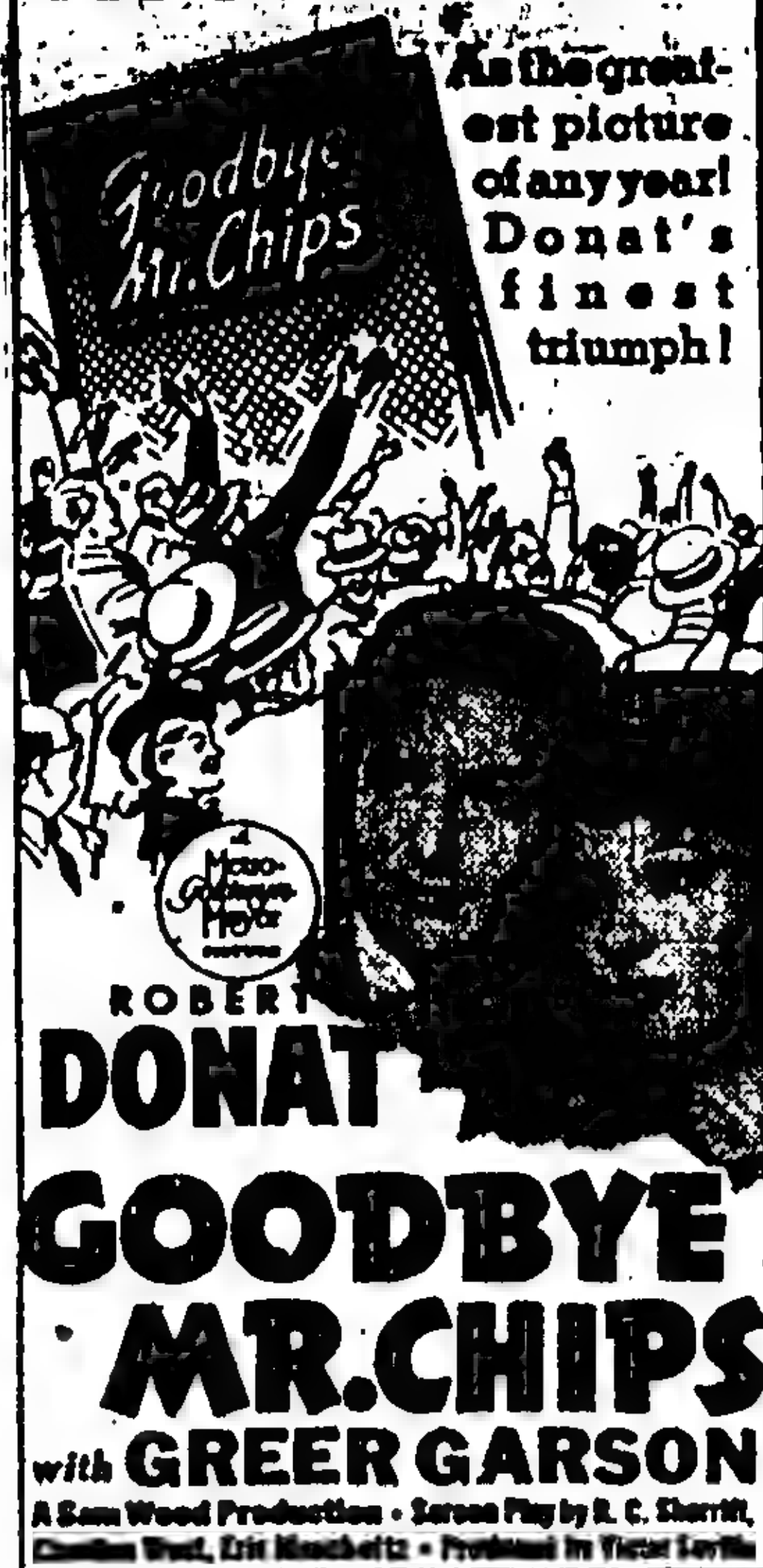
STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms (New) \$21½ b.
Watsons \$9.15 b.

MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$7. b.
Constructions (Old) \$1¼ b.
Vibro Piling \$8¼ b.

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Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.60 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .23 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .15 b.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0035 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .11½ sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .11½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .41 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .13½ b.
Itogons Ps. .28½ sa.
Masbates Ps. .11½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09¼ sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .11 sa.
North Camarines Ps. .15 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .21 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .88 sa.
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James R. Hay, well known in business circles in Salt Lake City was the secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Lumber Company. He was a man of the highest integrity, but very strict and exacting in all of his commercial relations. It was said of him that he demanded and always obtained his "pound of flesh."

One morning he left his place of business and never returned. It was learned that his destination was Forest City. Days passed and nothing was heard of the missing man. While the police were groping around in the dark, vainly searching for a clue, James Sharp, prominent Mormon elder and the father-in-law of Hays, informed them that he had had a "revelation" and that in it he saw his son-in-law being murdered by Peter Mortenson, a contractor of Salt Lake City.

The police were very skeptical about the revelation, but the Mormon elder was positive and even went so far as to tell where the murder had taken place. He said the body had been buried in a spot about half way between Salt Lake City and Forest City. Still doubting they decided it was a matter which required investigation. Elder Sharp accompanied them and pointed out a snow-covered mound on the spot he had already described so vividly.

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Workmen with pick and shovels were set to work. In a short time

they came to a body which had been buried under the mound. It was the remains of James R. Hay.

Peter Mortenson was found at his place of business and when told of what had taken place expressed great surprise. He denied emphatically having anything to do with the death of Hay.

Mortenson had an alibi, of course, and it now became the duty of the detectives to prove the truth of the revelation so far as it concerned the murder of Hay. It did not take them long to find a motive. They learned that Mortenson had been in debt to the Pacific Lumber Company. His bill amounted to \$3,907. Hay pressed him hard and said if it was not paid he would hale Mortenson into court. This would have been fatal to the contractor because he was in a bad way financially and such

By
GEORGE BARTON

action would have meant business ruin. So he contrived to pay part of the debt and told Hay that if he would send a man to Forest City on a certain day he would pay the remainder.

Hay went himself; he would not trust any of his subordinates with the job. Mortenson admitted he had met Hay and insisted that he had given him the balance of the bill, paying him with \$20 gold pieces which he had kept in jars in the cellar of his home. As proof of his truthfulness he showed the police a



receipted bill for his entire indebtedness.

Less than 48 hours later the investigators discovered a motorman who gave them important information. He said that while making the early morning run on his car he had seen a man coming from the spot where Hay had been buried. It was Peter Mortenson and he carried a spade over his shoulder. The motorman made his statement under oath.

The trial was a celebrated affair. Naturally the revelations could not be accepted in a court of law, but the testimony of the motorman and some circumstantial evidence which was introduced spelled the doom of Peter Mortenson. He was convicted and sentenced to death. The verdict was appealed on the ground that members of the Mormon Church, who had heard of the revelation of Elder Sharp, were on the jury. There was a second trial, followed by a second conviction.

To this day public opinion has remained divided as to whether Mortenson was convicted by reason of the revelation or because of the testimony presented at the trial. Mortenson, given the choice of being shot or hanged, elected to die by bullet.

Mr. P. H. Symons, the Government Assistant Analyst, who failed to answer a charge in Court yesterday and had his bail of \$25 estreated, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston later in the day. He pleaded guilty and the case was dismissed, with a caution.

TRAPPED IN TUNNEL FOR A DAY

TRAPPED IN A TUNNEL FOR 22 HOURS, TWO CHINESE WERE RESCUED YESTERDAY BY MINERS. THE MEN WERE IN AN EXHAUSTED CONDITION AND WERE REMOVED TO THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

According to a report made to the Police, the men, two brothers, Wong Sau, 35, and Wng Choi, 25, entered an abandoned tunnel in No. 4 Hill near Shing Mun, New Territories, at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

After walking in for about 12 feet the roof of the tunnel suddenly collapsed, partly buried the two men and blocked the exit.

Digging into the earth, miners located the two men at noon yesterday and had them removed to hospital.

U.S. NAVAL BUILDING

Washington, To-day.

Owing to the accelerated pace of naval building, President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Mr. William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, asking Congress to provide an additional \$31,000,000 immediately for armour, armament and ammunition.

This is additional to the \$46,000,000 provided for the same purpose last year.—Reuter.

NEW PUBLICATION

London, To-day.

The first number of a daily survey of foreign comment on the war, "compiled from telegraphic reports received by the Ministry of Information," was issued by the Ministry yesterday.

Extracts are given from the press of Sweden, Germany, Brazil, Denmark, Venezuela, the United States, Switzerland and Egypt.—British Wireless.

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7.02 p.m.—Gracie Fields, Arthur Askey and Mantovani & His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO — Two-Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from The Gloucester Hotel).
8.20 p.m.—Selections from Kalman's "Countess Maritza". Edith Lorand

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and Her Viennese Orchestra.
8.33 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"Poor Polly". A Sketch.
8.47 p.m.—Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orchestra.
Hindu Song ('Sadko' — Rimsky-Korsakov).
Valse Triste (Sibelius).
8.53 p.m.—STUDIO—"Chinese Paint-

ings in Hong Kong". A talk by Elsie Cholmeley, Secretary to the Hong Kong Committee of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives.
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—TCHAIKOWSKY — Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 (The "Pathetic"). Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.
10.30 p.m.—A Concert by Simon Barer (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — "In England Now".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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VARIOUS SLAM BIDDING METHODS

Nathan H. Kaufman of Baltimore, Md., sends us the North and South hands—shown below. They are of great interest since, while the Combined hands would be bid to six notrump by practically any number of fine players, the number of bidding sequences would be legion.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ A K J 8
♥ Q J 10 9 8
♦ K 9 7
♣ A

N
W
E
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♠ 9 7
♥ A 6
♦ A J 8 6
♣ K Q J 6 5

Our own bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Now let us see about the variations. Every one would open with one club, but a lot of North players would respond two hearts, and that bid is not bad. Coming to the second round, many players would bid two diamonds with the South hand, although we greatly prefer our own bid of two clubs.

We would jump with the North hand on the second round, but some players we know would bid only two spades (a bid we really don't like). South has any number of third-round bids possible, but we favour four diamonds since that bid clearly says,

"Partner, I have more than a minimum and if you want to try for a Slam, I am ready to go with you." At the same time this bid denies particularly good support for either hearts or spades.

From there on the five and six-notrump bids follow logically. However, if North and South should happen to be employing one of the artificial notrump conventions, they could easily use it.

You were Howard Schenken's partner yesterday, neither side was vulnerable and you held:

♠ 8 8 3
♥ 9 8 5
♦ A 9 7 6 4
♣ A 6

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1♣ 1♦ (?)

ANSWER: You should double. This is a very close hand. Score 100% for double, 80% for one notrump, 40% for two notrump.

QUESTION NO. 309

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner. Neither side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ J 9 8 4
♥ K 10 9
♦ 8 5 4
♣ Q J 3

The bidding:
Burnstone Maier You Jacoby
1♣ 1♦ (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MR. JOHNSON GOING TO CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Peiping, To-day.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador to China, accompanied by the military and naval attaches yesterday boarded the U.S. transport "Henderson" at Chinwangtao for Shanghai.—Havas.

STOP OVER IN SHANGHAI

Peiping, To-day.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson left for Chinwangtao en route to Shanghai early yesterday morning, accompanied by his private secretary, the military attaché (Major Mayer) and the naval attaché (Lt.-Comm. H. E. Overesch). The party boarded the transport Henderson in Chinwangtao.

It is learned that Mr. Johnson is going to Chungking after a short stay in Shanghai, though the date of his visit to the Chinese capital is not disclosed.

He arrived in Peiping last month and spent Christmas and New Year with his wife and family. — Reuter.

SAMPAN CAPSIZES

The wash caused by a speeding motor-torpedo boat off Kellet Island yesterday capsized a sampan and the three occupants were thrown into the water. They were rescued by the steam launch "Chung Shan," and brought to the Colony.

The owner of the sampan told the police that he was conveying some 47

baskets of fish-shell from Kellet Island when the accident occurred.

COLONY CHESS

Following is the draw for the first round of the Colony Chess Championship:

JANUARY 18:—B. S. Litvin v D. E. de Carvalho; L. Blair v O. V. Prasalov; K. Weiss v V. V. Kalatchoff; E. Zimmern v A. Y. Biriukoff; A. Kurrik v Sir H. Pollock.
JANUARY 23:—O. V. Prasalov v B. S. Litvin; V. V. Kalatchoff v L. Blair; A. Y. Biriukoff v K. Weiss; Sir H. Pollock v E. Zimmern; K. M. A. Barnett v A. Kurrik.
FEBRUARY 1:—B. S. Litvin v V. V. Kalatchoff; D. E. de Carvalho v O. V. Prasalov; L. Blair v A. Y. Biriukoff; K. Weiss v Sir H. Pollock; E. Zimmern v K. M. A. Barnett.
FEBRUARY 8:—A. Y. Biriukoff v B. S. Litvin; V. V. Kalatchoff v D. E. de Carvalho; Sir H. Pollock v L. Blair; K. M. A. Barnett v K. Weiss; A. Kurrik v E. Zimmern.
FEBRUARY 15:—B. S. Litvin v Sir H. Pollock; D. E. de Carvalho v A. Y. Biriukoff; O. V. Prasalov v V. V. Kalatchoff; L. Blair v K. M. A. Barnett; K. Weiss v A. Kurrik.
FEBRUARY 22:—K. M. A. Barnett v B. S. Litvin; Sir H. Pollock v D. E. de Carvalho; A. Y. Biriukoff v O. V. Prasalov; A. Kurrik v L. Blair; E. Zimmern v K. Weiss.
FEBRUARY 29:—B. S. Litvin v A. Kurrik; D. E. de Carvalho v K. M. A. Barnett; O. V. Prasalov v Sir H. Pollock; V. V. Kalatchoff v A. Y. Biriukoff; L. Blair v E. Zimmern.
MARCH 7:—E. Zimmern v B. S. Litvin; A. Kurrik v D. E. de Carvalho; K. M. A. Barnett v O. V. Prasalov; Sir H. Pollock v V. V. Kalatchoff; K. Weiss v L. Blair.
MARCH 14:—B. S. Litvin v K. Weiss; D. E. de Carvalho v E. Zimmern; O. V. Prasalov v A. Kurrik; V. V. Kalatchoff v K. M. A. Barnett; A. Y. Biriukoff v Sir H. Pollock.
MARCH 21:—L. Blair v B. S. Litvin; K. Weiss v D. E. de Carvalho; E. Zimmern v O. V. Prasalov; A. Kurrik v V. V. Kalatchoff; K. M. A. Barnett v A. Y. Biriukoff.
MARCH 28:—D. E. de Carvalho v L. Blair; O. V. Prasalov v K. Weiss; V. V. Kalatchoff v E. Zimmern; A. Y. Biriukoff v A. Kurrik; Sir H. Pollock v K. M. A. Barnett.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

TULSA SHOW THEIR PACES

GOOD VICTORY OVER CHINESE

(By "GRANDSTAND")

IN THE Charity game the mighty Tees, unofficial champs, from U.S.S. Tulsa proved their real mettle to top the combined Chinese squad 14-5. The game was sponsored by the Chinese Youths' Medical Association.

After Madame Sun Fo was introduced to members of both teams and Mr. Sun Man, nephew of Dr. Sun Fo, tossed the first ball, the fireworks began.

The Chinese, who batted first, started off with a bang in the initial frame and it appeared as if they would bunt their way to victory at the expense of the Tulsamen. Tuffy Chinn, Earl Wong and Wally Ching crossed the plate on three perfect bunts and a wild throw by third sacker Jack Hoffman.

The American bluejackets, however, in their turn to bat, counted for five markers on four hits, including Jack Hoffman's round-tripper with Harry Baker and Eddie Due on board.

Tulsa pushed across four more tallies in the second inning on four more blows and three costly Chinese bobbles, to put the game on ice. Eddie Due slapped a four-base hit in this frame to bring in Baker ahead of him.

CHOY SCORES

China tallied one more run in the second when Choy crossed the plate on three errors and a wild pitch.

In the third, Bill Woo belted a homer way out into the centre-field pastures for the last Chinese run. Unfortunately no one was on board at the time.

Tuffy Chinn, who started on the mound for China was touched for eight hits before he was relieved by Herbie Quon, who held the Mighty Tees to four hits, struck out five and walked three.

"Snuffy" Bailey on the firing line for Tulsa was nipped for three hits, walked one, fanned one and was chalked up with two miscues. Norton who took over the assignment in the sixth allowed three safeties.

A dazzling double-play was pulled by the

Tulsamen. Rabacchi caught Choy's liner and tossed a perfect peg to Peterson to nail Al Lau at the initial sack.

Heavy sluggers of the fray were: Junior Gree with a triple and a double. Peterson, Moore and Myers who each doubled.

	R.	H.	E.
Tulsa	5	40	13
China	3	11	0

RECREIO DIG IN; ANOTHER GOOD WIN

(By "GRANDSTAND")

RECREIO ACES tightened their grip on the top rung of the League ladder on Sunday by giving the Canadian Chinese squad a 13-3 trouncing.

The "Canucks" did not look anywhere like a First Division team against last year's champs. Much more was expected of them but for some reason they did not deliver the goods.

Whiffing only two and walking four, Herbie Quon, king of the whiff, blew up on the slab at the outset and never regained his usual touch and was yanked in favour of Bill Woo in the sixth.

Herbie's deliveries were lapped up by the Recreio heavy sluggers for 12 hits which included a Ruthian clout by Gerry Gosano, a triple and a double by Eddie Gosano, a two-bagger by Zinho Gosano and a two-putty clout by Spotty Pereira. Besides pitching mediocre ball Herbie booted twice for the only miscues chalked up against his team.

Recreio's tight fielding—only one error by Beltrao—aided Johnny Alvares to turn out a three-run-three-hit performance. He struck out two and walked four.

Canadian Chinese, three lone tallies were all scored in the third stanza when Alvares had difficulty finding the plate. Bill Ing walked; Herbie Quon grounded to the pitcher for the first out; G. G. Lee followed to be disposed of in like manner for the second erasure; Johnny Delgado received a free ticket to the initial station followed by George White, who was given a life for the third Annie Oakley of the frame to load the cushions. L. Bunn rapped a timely bingle to left centre to bring in three counts, but was nailed at third base in trying to pilfer to end the C.C.C. scoring for the day.

	R.	H.	E.
Recreio "A"	0	16	20
C. Chinese	0	0	3

Connecting for 13 solid hits off hurler Davis and aided by 10 Mindanao errors, Chung Hwa subdued Mindanao 13-4 in a lop-sided tussle.

Earl Wong was on the hillock for Chung

SCORES AT A GLANCE:

MEN'S	
Recreio "A"	13 Canadian Chinese 3
Chung Hwa	13 Mindanao 4
International Forum	10 Trojans 7
V.R.C.	4 C.B.A. 1
	7 Liga 1
GIRLS'	
Wahoos	10 Wildcats 3
Pirates	12 Cardinals 10
H.K. Ball Girls	12 Recreio 5
CHARITY	
U.S.S. Tulsa	14 China 5
INTER-HONG	
Socony	9 American Express 8
Lacas	10 Dutch Bank 5
Cable	11 R.A.F. 10
Texaco	21 Ewo 1

WAHOOS' REVENGE

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Only three tilts were played in the girls' section of the League on Sunday to start the second round of the campaign.

The Wahoo softball squad avenged their defeat, in the first round, in the hands of Wildcats when they defeated the defending champions to the sweet tune of 10-3 in the first of a double header on Prince Edward Road ground.

Wahoos played better ball all round, out-hitting the untamed felines 8-5 and outplaying them on the field, having only three errors chalked up against them to Wildcats' 10.

Chief Wahoo Theresa Noronha fanned three and issued two free passes to first, while Lily "Sunshine" Mar struck out six and walked three.

Theresa Noronha's three-bagger was the longest hit of the fray.

Gloria Mar was again outstanding with the willow wand with two bingles in three trips to the plate, but her good performance was marred by three costly fielding errors.

Shortstop Irene Costello's fielding was something to write home about, particularly when she ran almost to centre field to gather the pellet off Gloria Mar's bat.

	R.	H.	E.
Wahoos	3	20	10
Wildcats	1	10	0

In the second game Pirates, after some anxious moments, finally downed the Cardinals 12-10.

The Red birds looked sure winners in the third frame when they were leading 6-3, but the Bucs rallied with six tallies in the fourth to be in the lead once more and clinch the melee.

Both pitchers worked hard on the mound. Maudie Read whiffed six and walked none, while Efigenia Babida struck out four and gave away one pass to first.

The teams played on even terms. Pirates belting 11 hits and making nine errors. Cardinals were good for 10 safeties and erred seven times afield.

Two homers by Babida and one by Maudie Read featured the game.

Pirates executed a smart double-play. Read caught Betty Longbottom's fly and doubled Sheila at third with the assistance of Sinton.

	R.	H.	E.
Pirates	3	00	6
Cardinals	1	14	0

Ramblerettes from Club de Recreio succumbed to Hong Kong Ball Girls 12-5 in their return encounter.

Ball girls scored eight runs in the second and third innings to bag the game. They knocked Anna Noronha's offering all over the lot for 12 hits including a circuit clout by Bella Ma. Margaret Oliveira homered for the Portuguese girls who connected for seven hits off Collaco.

Collaco fanned three and walked one and Noronha struck out none and walked one. Ball girls erred twice to Recreio's six.

	R.	H.	E.
Ball Girls	0	44	10
Recreio	2	11	0

CLUB HOCKEY XI

The following team will represent the 1st XI of Hong Kong Hockey Club versus the H.K.S.R.A. on Club ground to-morrow at 5 p.m.:—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates; S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), T. D. Whitley and B. I. Bickford.

ARMY CRICKET

GREEN AND HARVEY DO WELL

The fine bowling of Q.M.S. Green was again a big factor in the success of the Royal Army Medical Corps cricket team.

Green, who has met with outstanding success in recent matches, took 5 for 30 against Middlesex Regiment in a friendly game on Sunday, and, with Q. M. S. Patterson and Major Harvey batting brightly, R.A.M.C. won by 5 wickets.

Green, at one stage, had the following figures:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
3	1	8	4

Major Harvey hit very hard to find the boundary on no fewer than seven occasions in his innings of 36.

Most successful Middlesex players were P. S. M. Cooper and Cpl. Young, with the bat, and L/Cpl. Williams, with the ball.

MIDDLESEX	
Pte. Jones, b Harvey	14
P.S.M. Cooper, run out	22
Lt. Man, lb.w. Harvey	6
Lt. Weedon, c and b Green	0
Pte. Pearson, c Patterson, b Green	4
Cpl. Young, b Green	28
L/Cpl. Williams, b Wyne	1
Pte. Hatfield, not out	4
Pte. Cordery, c Shorthouse, b Green	0
Lt. Peal, b Green	0
Extras (B12)	12
Total	51



Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Maj. Harvey	8	0	37	2
Q.M.S. Green	11	3	30	5
Sgt. Wyne	2	0	16	1

R.A.M.C.	
Q.M.S. Patterson, b Hatfield	25
Cpl. Webb, c Williams, b Hatfield	30
Maj. Harvey, c Williams, b Young	36
Maj. Swyer, b Young	0
Lt. Taylor, b Williams	15
Sgt. Shorthouse, c and b Peal	8
Sgt. Wyne, c Jones, b Williams	13
Cpl. Musson, c Cooper, b Williams	1
Q.M.S. Green, not out	6
L/Cpl. Seton, c Weedon, b Pearson	1
Extras (B13, LBI)	14
Total	119

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hatfield	6	1	23	2
Pearson	2	0	32	1
Young	4	0	31	2
Williams	4	0	15	3
Peal	3	0	11	1

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M.A. OLIVEIRA AND A.M. SILVA PLAY WELL

A DEPLETED RECREIO "A" team last night did well to beat University "B" in "A" Division of the Badminton League at King's Park.

The Portuguese team were without the services of J. J. Remedios, on form their most brilliant player, who has just recovered from a bad attack of fever.

His substitute, N. A. Beltrao, however, gave a very good account of him-

self and assisted L. A. Carvalho to win two games, this pair only going down in their first game of the evening after a great fight.

Finest pair on view last night was undoubtedly M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva, who played brilliantly to win all three games.

OLIVEIRA'S SMASHING

Oliveira gave a typical display featured by his great speed in covering court and powerful smashing. Silva was at his best when playing the short game and caught the opposition on the wrong foot on numerous occasions with his skilfully disguised angle drops.

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier tried very hard but were only able to win one game.

For University only K. L. Hui and T. C. Pang were at all impressive, winning two games and only going down to Oliveira and Silva after a fine tussle. Other two pairs found difficul-

SPORTSMEN RETURN

A large number of sporting personalities returned to the Colony from long leave yesterday. They included: B.C.K. Hawkins, C. E. Gahagan, D. Kossick, J. J. Ferguson and R. H. Griffiths.

G. A. R. Wright-North, a Police cadet said to have played County Rugger, also arrived.

ty in settling down and were never able to get their strokes into working order.

M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva (Recreio "A").

beat S. L. Yong and T. T. Chin 21-5

beat K. S. Liew and C. K. Cheah ... 21-10

beat T. C. Pang and K. L. Hui 21-13

L. A. Carvalho and N. Beltrao (Recreio "A").

beat Yong and Chin 21-12

beat Liew and Cheah 21-8

lost to Pang and Hui 18-21

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier (Recreio "A").

lost to Yong and Chin 18-21

beat Liew and Cheah 21-14

lost to Pang and Hui 6-21

MATCH POSTPONED

The match between Chung Wah and Chinese Y.M.C.A. was postponed last night and will be played off to-morrow.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(BY "SQUADDY")

THERE are likely to be many changes in the Army team as published to play the Navy in the Kotewall Cup this week. The game which was originally scheduled for Wednesday will now be played at Caroline Hill on Thursday afternoon.

Injuries and military duties have taken their toll and it seems doubtful at the present moment whether the team will be properly representative.

Emberson, the selected outside-right, is on the injured list having damaged his ankle in a League game on Sunday, and Sheehan is still having trouble with his injured back sustained in the recent International matches, and will not be fit.

Duncan and Hossack are both prevented from playing owing to Regimental duties. To fill Duncan's place it seems fairly obvious that Moxham will be brought in. Moxham, although selected for the Colony to go to Shanghai, was kept out of the side by the recent brilliant form displayed by Duncan, and it will be extremely interesting to see Moxham on duty in a representative game for the first time in the Colony.

Sheehan's place might possibly be filled by moving Freshwater to the right-back position and Hills going to left back, where he is equally at home, with Garside one of the reserves coming into the half back line.

Whether the selection committee will do this or not I am unable to say, but it seems the most logical answer at the moment. An alternative is to bring in P.S.M. Cooper of the Middlesex at back, but I think he is also on the injured list.

The forward-line produces a tricky problem. There is no player normally playing at outside-right who has much of a claim to Emberson's position and it seems to me that Pearson will appear there. He is extremely versatile and although he has been playing at inside-right since his return to football, he is equally at home in almost all of the forward positions. The biggest problem of all is the centre-forward berth vacated by Hossack. If Pearson is put outside-right it will be extremely hard to find a fit substitute for Hossack and the only one likely to do well I think is Fox of the Royal Engineers who has yet to be 'blooded' in a representative game. He is fast and packs a hot shot in both feet and I think if he is given the chance will do well.

It is a pity the originally selected side cannot be played, as they looked to me to be a combination more than capable of taking care of the Royal Navy side and it contained quite a nice blending of new blood with old and tried campaigners.

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SEE some scribe, apparently an Artillery soccer supporter, does not quite agree with the Interport selections. Everyone of course is entitled to their own views, but it is obvious that the selection committee for these sides take all things into consideration, and that when they select a player they are satisfied that he is the best available.

It has not been possible to hold interport trials, but I think it will be found that the Interport side will be tried out against South China or some other first-class side on a couple of occasions before they are due to leave, and the F.A. have always the right to amend their selections as they think fit. Personally, I do not agree with one or two of the selections, but it is no good kicking.

It has also been remarked that only one Army trial was held this year. On the day in question I know the authorities had everything cut and dried for two quite interesting games, but owing to the non-appearance of many of the players concerned the venture turned out to be a fiasco. This sort of thing is only due to one reason and that is the players selected do not quite play the game. No player is too good to turn out for a trial match even if he has held his place in the side for several seasons.

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UNEASY CALM IN HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Despite the political tension, the population remains calm, and only one incident took place in the capital when unknown persons broke window panes in the German official tourist office in the Calvestraat, Amsterdam's busiest thoroughfare.

The province is calm and apparently the precautionary measures have been somewhat relaxed, notably in Limburg.

The only noticeable sign of uneasiness is provided by the gathering of crowds around the news-stands, which prominently display papers carrying pictures of the inundated districts.

Official sources favour such a display as it shows the population how difficult any invasion would be. — Havas.

NEW U.S. BATTLESHIPS

Washington, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that funds for the construction of four 45,000-ton battleships will be with-

CHUNG WAH CASE

The case in which 13 dismissed employees of the Chung Wah Book Company were charged with fighting in Pak Tai Street on January 6, was fixed for hearing on Thursday by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon.

Nine of the 13 accused were further charged to-day with intimidating T. T. Kong.

They were all released on \$50 bail each.

CHATHAM ROAD SPEEDING

Captain Duncan, of the H.K.S.R.A., was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for speeding in Chatham Road. Traffic Sergeant J. Scrim stated that Captain Duncan was seen driving his motorcycle at 50 m.p.h. in Chatham Road at 11.30 a.m. on December 23.

SMALLPOX DEATHS

Eleven deaths out of 20 smallpox cases occurred in the Colony last month. Nineteen cases were in Kowloon and one the harbour. Two further cases were notified yesterday, one in Hong Kong and one in Kowloon.

held until proof is furnished why they should be abandoned in favour of larger ships according to the instructions of the House of Representatives naval appropriations sub-committee.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

It is difficult to attribute the anxiety of Holland and Belgium to any single incident, says the military correspondent of "The Times." It has risen out of the accumulation of evidence pointing to the possibility that Germany entertains hostile intentions towards them. Both countries are better prepared than they were last November. It is probable she will attack them only in a mood of desperation.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Probationary-Sergeant Duncan Crank, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, died in the General Hospital at 1.20 this afternoon.

Crank was wounded at noon last Wednesday by an accidental shot fired by a Chinese constable of his own squad while he was trying to settle an argument in the Head Post Office compound. —Reuter.

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